

America desperately needs antimony. This mineral is used in munitions, large-capacity storage batteries, fire retardants and more. Currently, we are entirely dependent on foreign countries to provide this mineral, which is why I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. This project can stop our import reliance on antimony.

I've read the economic impacts section of the SDEIS, which estimates that the full compensation for Stibnite Gold Mine jobs would be \$67700/year and \$96600/year after accounting for health and employee benefits. The document says that this is about the same as the area's prevailing Davis Bacon rates of \$20-30/hour. You don't need to be good at math to see that the Stibnite Gold Mine jobs are going to pay a lot more than a Davis Bacon job – even \$30/hour is less than \$67k/year. Add in \$30000 in annual benefits and these are excellent jobs, the kind much needed for local workers to support local families, especially given inflation.

The Stibnite Gold Project is important to Idaho, our national security and clean energy future. Regulators have been reviewing the project for the past 6 years. This time has allowed the project to improve and, now, I encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

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