

I visited Stibnite back in the mid-80s when efforts were being made to clean up the site. At that time, a group of mining and reclamation folks commented amongst us that renewed mining would provide a better opportunity to properly reshape and reclaim the site. I am glad to see that that this is finally happening. It took too long but here we are.

I am proud to submit my comments in support of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and provide our nation with the much-needed critical mineral antimony. Today, America relies on China and Russia to provide us with antimony. The Stibnite Gold Project could help us secure a domestic source of antimony.

America's armed forces depend on antimony and, today, we have no domestic supply. This means we are putting our faith in China and Russia to keep our troops safe. This seems incredibly risky given all that is happening in the world. The Stibnite Gold Project, utilizing the Burntlog Route, presents us with an opportunity to secure our national security future and restore an abandoned mine site. We cannot let this chance pass us by.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward. The permitting process is designed to advance the best plans possible. I believe the work of regulators over the past six years is proof this is what is happening with the Stibnite Gold Project. The thorough review process has been beneficial but there should be no more delays. The project should move forward in a timely manner.

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