

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the last several years, I've had the opportunity to hear a handful of presentations on the project, sit down with members of Perpetua Resources and observe how the company has lived out its mission as it has grown. It is with this knowledge that I encourage you to move the project forward.

Perpetua Resources has studied Stibnite for the past 12 years. The company has identified a safe way to mine the site, while minimizing environmental impacts in the Burntlog Route and providing our nation with a source of the critical mineral antimony. Today, there is no mined antimony in the United States and that concerns me. Antimony is crucial to our national security. It is found in every military bullet, uniform and flare. Simply put, we need antimony to keep our troops and country safe. The Stibnite Gold Project would meet 35% of America's antimony demand. This is clearly a project we need to move forward.

I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness in the review process. The U.S. Forest Service has not cut any corners over the past 6 years analyzing the project and I've appreciated the opportunities to provide feedback. For the reasons I stated in my letter above, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

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