

I am writing to express my support of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. The project is a very valuable asset to Idahoans, and I am anxious to see it come to realization. First and foremost, it will clean up leftover tailings and waste without taxpayers footing the bill. More than eighty years later, the project will finally connect fish to the spawning grounds that they have been blocked from due to the historic past mining. In doing this the project will reestablish a river. Without this planned development at this time, the site will never be cleaned up to such a dramatic and beneficial level.

As a 40-year Idahoan and a mining professional, I have developed mines all over the US and the world and watched as US mining has declined. The Stibnite project is important to me to reestablish American mineral security at a time when we need it the most. The production on antimony here in Idaho will strengthen our national security rather than requiring industry to buy the metal from, in many cases, America's enemies and competitors.

Since antimony is used in the energy industry, electronics, and batteries, and is a critical mineral for national defense, each American can sleep a little better knowing that a supply is sourced here in Idaho.

As an experienced mining executive, engineer and technical person, my review of the 2021 Modified Mine Plan confirms that the company has provided a solid development plan, with a reduced impact footprint, that protects the overall environment and maximizes the extraction of the valuable metals while eliminating the need for long-term water treatment.

After six years of regulatory review, leading to many project engineering improvements -- and after many more years of capital investment prior to that -- the company should be applauded for its excellent efforts and awarded a permit to move the project forward. Now it the right time and place to provide Idahoans with its next important mine.

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