

Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho, particularly rural Idaho, with a huge economic and environmental opportunity. The company has a plan to improve water quality, wetlands, and the river and leave the site better than it is today. I am writing to the U.S. Forest Service, in order to encourage with absolute sincerity the Permitting of this project.

The Stibnite project is particularly important to me because, as a side-benefit of mining for gold (Au) this project will strengthen national security through the production of ANTIMONY. Antimony is used to make electronics and batteries and is also a critical mineral for national defense and the energy industry. Right now, the U.S. relies solely on foreign countries for this mineral. This is a precarious situation we need to rectify, now.

The project at Stibnite could produce over 100 million pounds of antimony and become our only domestically mined source.

Considering the uncertainties running rampant within geopolitics now, and as a Retired U.S. Marine, I want our country to do everything it can to protect us from the uncertainty of changing markets and trade wars.

I am also confident in Perpetua Resources' 2021 Modified Mine Plan. In the SDEIS, Perpetua Resources has effectively eliminated any requirements for long-term water treatment.

I respectfully encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select the 2021 Modified Mine Plan Perpetua Resources presented and permit the project.

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