

I am in agreement with the generated reply which follows but wanted to add a few of my own comments as well. I grew up in Montana but have now lived in Idaho for many years. My dad was a university professor in Materials Engineering who later did the research and feasibility studies for a reputable gold mine near my hometown, later becoming the mill superintendent. The positive impact this mine has had on my hometown is hard to calculate. I am very proud of my family's connection to this mine and to mining in general. My brother also earned a degree in Materials Engineering and now my son, who graduated from an Idaho High School, is pursuing the same degree. We have three generations invested in this crucial industry. I understand how important this mine will be to the region, to our country, and even the world. The mining industry has come a long way over the years and care for the environment is critical to its success. From my research, Perpetua Resources has shown a strong commitment to CSR and ESG, and is very mindful of the various stakeholders that will be affected by their plan.

I support the 2021 Modified Mine Plan of the SDEIS. Perpetua Resources will help mitigate the damages left by previous mining projects, bring hundreds of well-paying jobs to Valley County and provide the only domestically mined source of antimony in the country. This project would allow our nation to rely less on foreign countries for critical minerals and reduce our carbon footprint by sourcing minerals at home. Environmental regulations are stricter in the United States and when minerals are sourced in this country we do not have to expend as much energy and resources transporting them to their final destination. The 2021 Modified Mine Plan is economically and technically feasible. It also improves upon the company's originally submitted plans. With the new updates, Perpetua has eliminated the need for long-term water treatment, kept water temperatures on site at or below current temperatures, improves water quality and shrinks the size of the project footprint by 13 percent. It is clear it is the best choice moving forward.

Let Idahoans see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project. The USFS has been reviewing the project for the last six years. During this time, the company has reduced the project size by 13% in the SDEIS, decreased maximum water temperature to keep it at or below baseline conditions and eliminated the need for long-term water treatment. The review process is working and now we need regulators to advance the project as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully,

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