

I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. The project would finally address legacy mining issues that have been plaguing the site for decades and help secure the minerals we need for America's future. The company has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to adopt the proposed activities outlined in the company's 2021 Modified Mine Plan during the permitting process.

The Biden administration has set an ambitious goal to have a clean energy grid by 2035. We cannot meet that goal without antimony. Antimony is used to make solar panels, wind turbines and large-scale batteries. Currently, we do not have a domestic source of this critical mineral. The Stibnite Gold Project would provide America with a secure and sustainable source. In fact, the project could satisfy 35% of America's antimony needs and help support our clean energy future. Perpetua Resources has already agreed to provide enough antimony to Ambri to help the battery manufacturer power 1 million homes with solar power. I believe the minerals from the Stibnite Gold Project can be used to help us protect our environment and I trust in the company's plans to minimize environmental impacts during mining and restore the site when they are done.

Perpetua Resources wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. After reviewing the project for six years, I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the project forward with the improvements laid out in the SDEIS.

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