

I am happy to submit my comments in support of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. This project is very good for Idaho and the communities nearby.

It is clear that these people are invested in the community and its wellbeing. The work that they will do in the area will actually result in better environmental outcomes over time and despite myths, will improve water quality.

In addition to the economic growth and resources it will provide, we are far too reliant on foreign sources of Antimony. This mineral is important for both industry and national defense, but perhaps more importantly it will be mined somewhere whether it is here or overseas. Allowing this production in Idaho allows the mining to adhere to the strict environmental standards we have in our country. These sorts of standards, the ones that the Forest Service works to uphold, are ignored in other country's mining operations. If environmental concerns are truly global, I hope we can shepherd this project here at home where we can ensure it's responsibility. It is a win for domestic production and the environment. This doesn't even mention the reduction of carbon emissions from reduced international shipping that would be afforded by a domestic supply.

Perpetua Resources has studied the Stibnite project for some time and I believe they have the right attitude, resources, and commitment to ensure this project is both responsible and successful.

The Stibnite Gold Project has been under federal review for the last many years. That has given regulators and the public plenty of time to review the company's plan. I know this project will transform the area of the mine and the waterways nearby in a positive way. It will also benefit nearby communities in countless ways. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward.

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