

Perpetua Resources has been a member of our community for the past decade. During this time, the company and its employees have become wonderful champions and supporters of Idaho. They've volunteered their time in our schools and given generously to community causes. Perpetua Resources' track record of following through on its promises and doing the right thing gives me the confidence to write in support of permitting the Stibnite Gold Project.

I am impressed with Perpetua Resources' current dedication to repairing legacy environmental issues at the site from mining activity that took place on and off for more than 100 years. This is a major investment. Government agencies would not have the budget to perform all the necessarily reclamation work. The EPA has forgiven all previous operators of this area, this private/public partnership is the right approach for Idaho and will solve environmental issues while providing the area with a significant economic boost. In reviewing the SDEIS, I am very impressed with the further improvements the company has made to its plan. They eliminated the Fiddle Development Rock Storage Facility, reduced the project footprint again, added more plantings on site to reduce water temperature and outlined additional actions to be taken to improve water quality. It is clear to me we have a path forward that will protect Idaho's environment and allow us to mine a critical mineral our nation is currently lacking.

As a community member Yellow Pine, I have observed Perpetua Resources commitment to improving the Stibnite area for future generations to enjoy the outdoors in a manner as close to previous mining conditions. I applaud their work for restoring a valuable asset to our community.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project MMP via Burnt Log forward. The Village of Yellow Pine wants to encourage more recreation after the construction period and therefore want Johnson Creek left to recreationalists after initial use. As a resident that lives on Johnson Creek I'm very excited that Perpetua Resources has proposed a plan to only use Johnson Creek during construction.

The permitting process is designed to advance the best plans possible. I believe the work of regulators over the past six years is proof this is what is happening with the Stibnite Gold Project. The thorough review process has been beneficial but there should be no more delays. The project should move forward in a timely manner.

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