

I am writing to share my thoughts on Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold project. There are many reasons why I am excited for Perpetua's project to come to life. I am a Yellow Pine resident and have had the privilege to work with the Perpetua Resources on community concerns as well as fire department training and appreciate their willingness to host knowledge and training. This project will provide America with our only mined supply of antimony, a mineral critical to our national defense and energy sectors. I hope through my comments you will understand why I want to see this project move forward.

Perpetua Resources has studied Stibnite for the past 12 years. The company has identified a safe way to mine the site, while minimizing environmental impacts in the Burntlog Route and providing our nation with a source of the critical mineral antimony. Yellow Pine is open to the idea of construction traffic utilizing Johnson Creek for access, but would like them to use Burnt Log access to give recreationalist the use of Johnson Creek to the Village of YP. Please permit the MMP with the Burnt Log route to enable the Village to build out further recreation opportunities after construction.

Today, there is no mined antimony in the United States and that concerns me. Antimony is crucial to our national security. It is found in every military bullet, uniform and flare. Simply put, we need antimony to keep our troops and country safe. The Stibnite Gold Project would meet 35% of America's antimony demand. This is clearly a project we need to move forward.

Perpetua Resources wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho, give our youth the opportunity to earn a family wage with benefits so they can stay in the community where they grew up to raise their own family 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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