

Perpetua Resources is the mining partner Idaho needs. Mining is a critical industry in our strategic future. We as Americans need access to natural resources that we can depend on to maintain our supply chains and strategic independence. Recent as well as past geopolitical events have repeatedly demonstrated the unmeasurable worth of an unencumbered supply of needed natural resources.

We are very fortunate to have rich supplies of natural resources in the United States of America. We need to safely and cleanly source critical resources here. We have not only the resources here but also the political will to extract them using methods and procedures that can show a much better way to be stewards of our choice lands and natural beauty. Methods and attitudes of the past have undergone crucial change and evolution. We now have the will, the means, and the popular support to give as much effort towards how we will mine resources, but just as importantly how we will reclaim the disturbed site to restore it to a fully functional ecosystem.

We in this generation of stewards must pioneer this critical restoration work. The Stibnite site provides the perfect brownfield site to make the needed discoveries and efforts to move mineral extraction into the future. We have a deeply disturbed site that had been a candidate for Superfund cleanup funds paid for by taxpayers that industry has found a way to achieve on its own! This will allow nature to be a classroom to teach us the way forward while allowing industry to extract needed resources and provide jobs for our children so they can stay in Idaho and build families right here doing work they can take pride in!

I know that no plan is perfect. I have been impressed along this long process to see public and private work hand in hand to address permitting of this project. I have faith that our Public Servants desire to move progress forward while not repeating the mistakes of the past. I trust that in Perpetua Resources a Corporate partner has been found that takes pride in doing the right thing while profitably extracting resources. I applaud Perpetua Resources plan to restore Blowout Creek to a healthy state, removing the largest source of heavy metals entering the watershed. I see this as who they are as Corporate citizens and speaking directly to the character and core values they bring to this entire project. I look forward as an Idahoan to seeing this project being permitted. I plan on watching it closely to see what we as humanity have learned, and how we can use the knowledge we gain in this project to do even better in the future.

We all use natural resources that is a fact. We must forge a path forward to lead the world in doing so in the most environmentally sustainable way possible. We will still make mistakes but we need partnerships that will identify mistakes of the past, present and future and take the correct steps to rectify them so we can have a future that we can all be stakeholders in.

Thank you for your efforts to responsibly make this future a reality.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. After 6 years of intense review, I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit the 2021 Modified Mine Plan so this brownfield site can finally be restored.

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