

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.

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. 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.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. It has been in regulatory review for the past six years. During this time, public comments and scientific analysis has helped to improve the plan. But now it is time to move it forward. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan presented by Perpetua Resources in the SDEIS, as expeditiously as possible.

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