

Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts on the SDEIS. This project is important to me because it can provide America with a domestically mined source of antimony and restore an abandoned mine site in need of repair.

The Stibnite Gold Project presents a plan to repair the environment and boost Idaho's economy, especially when using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan. Historic mining operations, development of former town site and natural processes have resulted in significant degradation of many elements of the environment. Loss of fish passage, potential water degradation from previous mining activity and excessive erosion are all of great concern to Idahoans. Right now, fish haven't swam past an abandoned mine pit for more than 80 years. Perpetua will reconnect fish passage before mining ever begins. The company will also improve water quality and temperature to further help fish. More improvements were made to these areas after the DEIS was released. Now, Perpetua Resources has identified ways to keep water temperature at or below baseline conditions. The Stibnite Gold Project would finance reclamation efforts to address these problems, boost Idaho's economy and help secure a critical mineral America needs. It is a win-win for everyone.

Please move the Stibnite Gold Project forward, especially now that the public has had multiple opportunities to provide feedback and regulators have been analyzing Perpetua Resources' plans for six years. The review process has improved the project and now it is time to make it a reality.

David Smith