

I am proud to submit my comments in support of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and provide our nation with the much-needed critical mineral antimony. Today, America relies on China and Russia to provide us with antimony. The Stibnite Gold Project could help us secure a domestic source of antimony.

The Stibnite Gold Project would secure America's only source of antimony. Today, we predominately rely on China and Russia for this critical mineral, which is concerning given its importance. Antimony is used heavily in national defense applications, including everything from munitions to military uniforms. It is also key to the clean energy transition. In fact, Perpetua Resources plans to supply antimony to large-scale battery maker Ambri, so they can commercialize their technology. The antimony from Stibnite could help power approximately 1 million homes with solar power for the battery's 20+ lifespan. I support the Stibnite Gold Project using the Burntlog route because I want to help America reach our clean energy goals and remain a safe country.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward. 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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