

It is with great pleasure that I write to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Perpetua Resources during this public input process. This project could help restore Stibnite, secure an American source of antimony and strengthen our nation's supply chains.

The permitting process is designed to move the best plans forward. After reviewing the SDEIS, it is clear to me the Burntlog Road option is the very best plan for Idaho. This will allow the abandoned mine site to be restored, America to secure a domestic source of the critical mineral antimony and fish to be reconnected to their native spawning grounds. The Stibnite Gold Project has been under federal review for the past six years and Perpetua Resources has been studying the site for an additional six years. Twelve years of scientific analysis and stakeholder input is ample time to evaluate a project. The process has been rigorous and done its job. Now, we need to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward.

As the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies review the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and determine the course of action, I encourage you to consider the positive benefits Perpetua Resources will have on Idaho, especially now that the company has reduced its environmental footprint and made further improvements to water quality. This truly is a win-win opportunity for Idahoans and the environment. After years of careful scrutiny by regulators and the community, it is time for us to make these benefits a reality.

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