

I am writing to share my thoughts on Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold project. There are many reasons why I am excited for Perpetua's project to come to life. It would provide America with our only mined supply of antimony, a mineral critical to our national defense and energy sectors. I hope through my comments you will understand why I want to see this project move forward.

I have reviewed the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and I believe the Stibnite Gold Project is an opportunity to repair the environment and bring an economic boost to the community. The plans proposed by the company allows the project to finance environmental reclamation and provide the workforce and resources necessary to complete it. If Perpetua Resources isn't allowed to move forward with its plan, this area in Idaho's backcountry will continue to suffer. Currently, salmon are being blocked from their native spawning grounds and hundreds of tons of sediment are pouring into the watershed each year. It is beyond time to address these issues and Perpetua has the right plan to do it. The company made its plans even better after the release of the DEIS. In the 2021 Modified Mine Plan the company reduced the project footprint by 13 percent (compared to the original design), cut back on mined material by 10 percent and eliminated the need for long-term water treatment. In reviewing the document, I think the company is taking the steps needed to protect the area and mine the area safely using the Burntlog Route.

Perpetua Resources wants to help America secure a domestic supply of the critical mineral antimony and clean up a brownfield site. They've made great improvements to the project from the original documents they submitted – this shows the permitting process has done its job. It is time to permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.

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