

The Stibnite Gold, Animony, & Silver project will not only provide the company with profits, but will clean up the mining that has gone on in Stibite since the 1930's which has closed off the East Fork of the Salmon River to the salmon that routinely used to spawn in the East Fork and Meadow Creek. They are now reclaiming most of the worst that went on there from the 1930's through the late 1940's including the pit that ended the salmon spawn a long time ago.

Fred Bachich, who was the mine manager at the Cinnabar Mercury mine told me that during the 30's and 40's that the East Fork of the Salmon river ran white with all the discharge from the mines. In the 80's and 90's Fred was the best fisherman on the East Fork which was clear as could be and supported trout, salmon and bull trout. The lesson from this I take is that if we connect the small creeks that feed the East Fork then it will clean up as long as we protect these creeks and rivers from mine discharge which is a major part of Perpetua's plan. Without their interest in mining and their interest in doing it right we will have fewer fish in the East Fork.

Perpetua has also been a good neighbor to Yellow Pine through their planning process and they have supported our community.

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