

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 am also an avid hunter and I know antimony is used in primers for all small caliber weapons and it is already difficult to find ammo, if the U.S. doesn't have it's own source of antimony, ammo will get more expensive and less accessible.

I hope through my comments you will understand why I want to see this project move forward.

Last summer, Perpetua agreed to provide antimony to largescale battery maker Ambri. The agreement establishes a foundation to help facilitate the decarbonization of energy grids in the U.S. as well as around the globe. Ambri's batteries could fundamentally change how our energy system operates by making it possible for power grids to rely on more power from the wind and sun and store it instead of use it or lose it, which is currently how it is used. The Stibnite Gold Project is key to making this happen because it would be America's only mined source of antimony. Without it, we will continue to have to rely on China and Russia for this critical mineral. I want to support America's clean energy transition and supporting the Stibnite Gold Project using Burntlog Road is one of the best ways I can do that.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state and local county needs. Perpetua has been part of the Cascade community for years and they continue to support our community at every level, they have helped the hospital with equipment needs, support our after school programming, assists our schools with new equipment and stem education, we think they are great community partners.

This project has been in regulatory review for the past six years. During this time, public comments and scientific analysis has helped to improve the plan. But now it is time to move it forward. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan presented by Perpetua Resources in the SDEIS, as expeditiously as possible.

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