

Hello,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project. As a Mining Engineer who has worked in both the US and overseas, I may be a little more biased towards supporting this project than the enviro's and those opposing any and all mining in the US, including this project.

I support this project because it will provide ample opportunity to help reduce the US' dependence on imported antimony while at the same time help address impacts from past mining operations in the historic Stibnite Mining District which would otherwise cost taxpayers multiple millions of dollars and provide no useful product in return nor long-term benefits to this country and the State of Idaho.

As you know, mineral production from this area was critical to the US government's war efforts in the 1940s and 1950s, so the US gov't shares a significant portion of the responsibility for the legacy of this area now. Thankfully, Perpetua Resources is willing to step up to the plate when no one else (govt) was to start undertaking reclamation activities to improve this area.

Hopefully, my letter will help as you evaluate the recently published SDEIS.

From experience, I know Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold project will have to meet strict state and federal regulations to operate, there is no way around that. In addition to a positive Record of Decision through the NEPA process, Perpetua Resources will still have to meet and obtain nearly 50 more federal and state permits, approvals, and conditions ranging from the Clean Water Act to posting financial assurances (i.e. reclamation bond) for complete and successful reclamation of their impacts.

Also, the Forest Service is not allowed to approve any mining project until all these remaining hurdles are addressed and their requirements met.

I support Perpetua Resources' plans to go above and beyond the requirements of state and federal laws to reclaim and even try to restore sites they never disturbed and bring back numerous jobs to rural Idaho that have been destroyed by gov't actions over the last 40-50 years, all while mining for antimony and gold as outlined under their 2021 Modified Mine Plan.

I am impressed how Perpetua continues to go above and beyond what is required by law to reduce its project footprint, improve water quality and temperatures, and eliminate long-term water treatment needs, and I trust you acknowledge that fact and take this into consideration during your review.

Please let us Idahoans realize the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project not only to the environment, but also to the State. The Forest Service has spent the last six years reviewing this project. During this time, Perpetua Resources has shown their willingness to work with the gov't and outside NGO's to reduce the project size by 13% in the SDEIS, decreased maximum water temperature to keep it at or below baseline conditions, and eliminated the need for long-term water treatment.

I trust you and the other staff will respond in like-kind and in good faith to fairly and impartially review this document and provide your input based on law and rules already in place and not let political or personal biases taint your objectivity and performance of the task at hand.

The review process, while excessive and tedious, is working and now I encourage you as one of the regulators selected to review this SDEIS to advance this project as expeditiously as reasonably possible.

Thank you for your time and best wishes in your prompt review of this document,

Alan Gilda