

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. Living within the Bunker Hill EPA Superfund Project site in North Idaho, we have personally witnessed 30 years of positive results made possible by responsible mining and the advanced protections mining companies utilize today.

Modern mining environmental practices today are focused on protecting our resources including land, wildlife, people and property. This is evident by the great strides our local existing mines (Bunker Hill, Lucky Friday, Golden Chest, Galena, etc) have taken. These companies are environmental champions and spend a tremendous amount of money meeting and exceeding guidelines set forth by a variety of governmental entities. Perpetua Resources has made a commitment to do the same and our mining companies prove it can be done.

Can mine sites be restored? Yes, our Bunker Hill EPA Superfund Project has proven to be an example of many successful remediation and restoration projects. Without restoration work, our rivers would still be running brown and treeless mountains surrounding Kellogg would still be our norm. The Stibnite Gold project will help restore the site, secure the minerals we need for our national security and strengthen America's supply chains. Now, more than ever we need to become more reliant on our own resources, with less reliance on foreign countries to provide necessary goods to us.

Perpetua Resources has a clear plan to clean up legacy issues in the historic Stibnite Mining District. The company has recently made improvements to their plans that reduce the project footprint, improve water quality and keep water temperatures at or below current conditions. This will improve fish habitat, water quality and safely store old mine waste. Along with restoring the site, the Stibnite Gold Project will produce the only domestically mined supply of antimony. Currently, China is the top producer of this mineral. If the Stibnite Gold Project moves forward, the United States can become less reliant on other countries. Creating a domestic source of antimony will also be beneficial for America's green future. Sourcing antimony within the U.S. will result in lower carbon emissions as we will not need to transport the mineral from China into the U.S. Mining standards in the U.S. are also more protective of the environment.

Reviewing Perpetua Resources' improved plans it is clear to me the company really believes in taking care of the environment and keeping the community safe. That is why they reduced water temperatures, improved water quality and shrunk the project footprint by 13 percent. I urge you to trust in your own review process and permit the Stibnite Gold Project. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of the National Environmental Policy Act.

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