

As a professional member of the American mining industry since 1978, I write in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. Having looked at this document and viewed the site, I am confident in stating that the end result will be long-overdue brownfield cleanup of legacy land and water issues PLUS the production of a valuable critical mineral - antimony.

I am a former BLM staffer who participated in preparation of major coal and power plant EISs in the American Southwest in the 1970s. After that, my private sector time included preparing successful EISs on both BLM- and USFS-managed lands in New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming for coal, gold/silver, copper and rare earths. After review of this document, I am confident in stating that it surpasses each of the other NEPA documents noted above in quality and completeness.

Antimony is a critical mineral and Stibnite would become America's only primary source of this metal which has found an exciting new use in large scale batteries that, when used on an industrial scale, can make a meaningful contribution to decarbonisation.

Final approval of the Stibnite Gold (and antimony!) has been delayed for far too long. I urge the USFS to promptly approve, issue its Record of Decision, and allow Perpetua Resources to begin the capital investment, brownfields cleanup, site preparation, construction and operations that will enable it to put Idahoans to work and put needed minerals into America's supply chain.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment,

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