

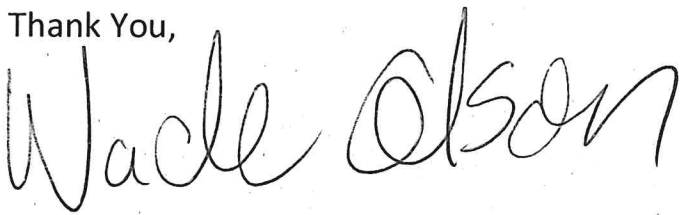


To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Wade Olson I own a small business called OK Gravel Works, I live in Cascade Idaho, and I have provided my services, mostly excavation work, trucking and delivery, to Stibnite for Perpetua Resources and I have a few things to say. Perpetua is a group that really does care about our environment and they take every step to ensure that things are done by the book. I know this because I have done numerous small projects for them over the course of the last 10+ years. For a small construction company like us, it's almost annoying how many hoops we must jump through just to complete some small projects sometimes. They require that we have all the safety equipment of course but above that we must be trained to deal with any small environmental hazards we may cause or encounter before we can do anything on site. We have performed many projects over the last 17 years in Valley County, including 15 for the Forest Service, 10 for the State of Idaho, 5 for Valley County, and hundreds of other small projects. No other "Project Owner" has held us to stricter safety standards and environmental awareness than Perpetua Resources. They are an amazing group of people that really do care. I can't say enough about the precautions they take to ensure it's done right. From helping them dig out avalanches off the Stibnite Road to transporting drilling equipment to Stibnite, their dedication to safety and environmental excellence in all aspects is commendable. Not only have we enjoyed our working partnership with the team at Perpetua Resources but work on the Stibnite Project has helped sustain us as a local business. From this experience, I can say that should the project move forward more local businesses will thrive from the added and diverse economic growth. My family and I live in Cascade, and I trust that Perpetua will continue to value our way of life and our environment while creating hundreds of jobs and supplying our country with much needed resources. This project has been through rigorous

government and scientific examinations and multiple rounds of public comment. Valley County needs this project. Please move this project forward so that we as a community, as a business and as a family can start realizing the benefit from this project. As a company who has helped grade the roads along Johnson Creek and into Stibnite, we are personally familiar with how dangerous driving both Johnson Creek and Stibnite Road can be. We are strong supporters of building Burntlog road because it will reduce the interaction between mine traffic and recreationalists, have a lower risk of avalanche, and not parallel fish-bearing streams. To us, it seems like a no-brainer that Burntlog is the best alternative and according to the SDEIS the Forest Service feels the same way **(Ch2. Pg. 2-18) The Burntlog Route would avoid environmental and human health and safety risks associated with the Johnson Creek Route which passes through identified areas for avalanches, landslides, and floods.** This route would provide another route for SGP ingress/egress, would decrease SGP and public traffic interaction with the Village of Yellow Pine and Johnson Creek area residents; **and would decrease the potential for spill risk adjacent to fish-bearing streams.** This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. Please permit the Modified Mine Plan with Burntlog access and continue moving the project forward so our citizens can realize the positive impacts. Perpetua wants to invest more than \$1 billion in our state, bring many direct and indirect jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. Thank you for your time and your thoughtful and detailed review of this project.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wade Olson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "W".

Wade Olson