

Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor  
Stibnite Gold Project  
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Dear Linda Jackson,

Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts on the SDEIS. This project is important to me because we need better jobs throughout Valley County, jobs that our kids could get and stay around the area to raise families and bring some new energy back to Cascade, jobs that are stable and not tourism related, jobs that have benefits for families. We need companies like Perpetua that care about our communities.

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.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. After 6 years of intense review by the experts, I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit the 2021 Modified Mine Plan so this brownfield site can finally be restored.

Thank you for your time,

Tara Preiss  


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