

Ms. Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
Stibnite Gold Project
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Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor, 208-634-0744

Dear Ms. Jackson,

This letter is to express my support of Perpetua's Stibnite Gold Project. America needs this project to be permitted. It will produce our country's only source of antimony, a mineral we need for a secure and sustainable future. I hope after reading my thoughts you will understand why my support for this project is so strong.

The Biden administration has set an ambitious goal to have a clean energy grid by 2035. We cannot meet that goal without antimony. Antimony is used to make solar panels, wind turbines and large-scale batteries. Currently, we do not have a domestic source of this critical mineral. The Stibnite Gold Project would provide America with a secure and sustainable source. In fact, the project could satisfy 35% of America's antimony needs and help support our clean energy future. Perpetua Resources has already agreed to provide enough antimony to Ambri to help the battery manufacturer power 1 million homes with solar power. I believe the minerals from the Stibnite Gold Project can be used to help us protect our environment and I trust in the company's plans to minimize environmental impacts during mining and restore the site when they are done.

As an employee of OK Gravel, I have had the privilege of working with the Perpetua team and they are always focused on the environment. They hold us to much higher standards than most companies, because they truly do care about what happens on their site. Perpetua has shown time and time again that they are good community partners whether participating in community events, funding after school projects or helping with hospital equipment, they are at the table being part of the community. Their employees have volunteered their time to coach soccer or track to our local kids, we need these folks within our communities.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward. The permitting process is designed to advance the best plans possible. I believe the work of regulators over the past six years is proof this is what is happening with the Stibnite Gold Project. The thorough review process has been beneficial but there should be no more delays. The project should move forward in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Michael Estes 

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