

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,

I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua has shown they are committed to Idaho, our local communities and want to take care of the environment. They have sponsored events, planned festivals, and supported our local hospitals, we want Perpetua in our community. The company designed its project to clean up legacy waste, reconnect salmon to their native spawning grounds and fix one of the watershed's largest source of sedimentation. The Stibnite Gold Project would improve water quality, wetlands and leave the river better than they are today. I hope you move forward and permit this project as quickly as possible.

The permitting process is designed to move the best plans forward. After reviewing the SDEIS, it is clear to me the Burntlog Road option is the very best plan for Idaho. Referencing Pg. 2-18 you indicate that 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 Yellow Pine and Johnson Creek area residents; and would decrease the potential for spill risk adjacent to fish-bearing streams.

This will allow the abandoned mine site to be restored, America to secure a domestic source of the critical mineral antimony and fish to be reconnected to their native spawning grounds. The Stibnite Gold Project has been under federal review for the past six years and Perpetua Resources has been studying the site for an additional six years. Twelve years of scientific analysis by experts in their fields and comments from stakeholders is ample time to evaluate a project. The process has been rigorous and done its job. Now, we need to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward with the Burnt Log Route, as it will keep Johnson Creek open to recreationalists and keep them from traveling along the river long term.

Cordially, *Dan W. Walker*
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