

I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the past several years Perpetua has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho. I encourage you to permit the improvements proposed by the company and move the project forward using the Burntlog Road route.

The Stibnite Gold Project would secure America's only source of antimony. Today, we predominately rely on China and Russia for this critical mineral, which is concerning given its importance. Antimony is used heavily in national defense applications, including everything from munitions to military uniforms. It is also key to the clean energy transition. In fact, Perpetua Resources plans to supply antimony to large-scale battery maker Ambri, so they can commercialize their technology. The antimony from Stibnite could help power approximately 1 million homes with solar power for the battery's 20+ lifespan. I support the Stibnite Gold Project using the Burntlog route because I want to help America reach our clean energy goals and remain a safe country.

As the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies review the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and determine the course of action, I encourage you to consider the positive benefits Perpetua Resources will have on Idaho, especially now that the company has reduced its environmental footprint and made further improvements to water quality. This truly is a win-win opportunity for Idahoans and the environment. After years of careful scrutiny by regulators and the community, it is time for us to make these benefits a reality.

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