

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the SDEIS for the Stibnite Gold Project. This project is important for Idaho's future and our nation's future. Perpetua Resources has a plan to leave the site better than they found it and produce antimony, a mineral we need for our national defense and clean energy future.

It is time to move the Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua Resources has spent the last 12 years working with stakeholders to make sure its project meets the highest environmental standards and brings positive benefits to Idaho. Over the past six years, multiple federal, state and local agencies have analyzed the project as part of the review process. The public has had ample time to review Perpetua's plans and two opportunities to provide comments. The input and permitting process has improved the plan. Perpetua resources has increased recreational access, improved water quality and reduced its project footprint. It is time to move the project forward.

I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness in the review process. The U.S. Forest Service has not cut any corners over the past 6 years analyzing the project and I've appreciated the opportunities to provide feedback. For the reasons I stated in my letter above, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

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