

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Perpetua Resources' Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Stibnite Gold Project site is a brownfield site. The U.S. government tried to restore the area years ago, but the work that was done was not sufficient to ensure the environmental restoration of the historic mine site. The old tailings piles left by previous mining companies still present a risk of leaching ARD, metals, and sulfate into nearby streams and groundwater. Under Perpetua's 2021 Modified Mine Plan, the company will remove and reprocess these legacy tailings, which will reduce long-term metal loading to groundwater and surface water. Perpetua's water treatment during operations will further lower levels of these metals in the river and cause concentrations to be below the current baseline conditions. Perpetua modified its mine plan following the DEIS. Now, the company will no longer need long-term water treatment at the site following mining. The project size has been reduced by 13% compared with the original design. And changes have been made at site to ensure water temperature stays at or below the current temperatures on site. The historic mine site needs to be remediated and Perpetua has a plan to do that in the near term.

Antimony is a critical mineral and the Stibnite Gold Project will access one of the largest antimony deposits in the US, thus providing America with a needed critical mineral. In addition, Perpetua will restore the historical mining area to environmentally acceptable conditions. Perpetua is a forward-thinking mining company committed to environmentally sustainable mining. This is the type of mining we need in the US. Therefore, I urge you to permit Perpetua Resources' mine plan for the Stibnite Gold Project as outlined under the 2021 Modified Mine Plan.

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