

Perpetua Resources has been a member of our community for the past decade. During this time, the company and its employees have become wonderful champions and supporters of Idaho. They've volunteered their time in our schools and given generously to community causes. Perpetua Resources' track record of following through on its promises and doing the right thing gives me the confidence to write in support of permitting the Stibnite Gold Project.

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 encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward, especially now with the further improvements to water quality conditions on site. This is just one example of how the permitting process has worked to improve the plan.

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