

Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts on the SDEIS. This project is important to me because it can provide America with a domestically mined source of antimony and restore an abandoned mine site in need of repair.

I have reviewed the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and I believe the Stibnite Gold Project is an opportunity to repair the environment and bring an economic boost to the community. The plans proposed by the company allows the project to finance environmental reclamation and provide the workforce and resources necessary to complete it. If Perpetua Resources isn't allowed to move forward with its plan, this area in Idaho's backcountry will continue to suffer. Currently, salmon are being blocked from their native spawning grounds and hundreds of tons of sediment are pouring into the watershed each year. It is beyond time to address these issues and Perpetua has the right plan to do it. The company made its plans even better after the release of the DEIS. In the 2021 Modified Mine Plan the company reduced the project footprint by 13 percent (compared to the original design), cut back on mined material by 10 percent and eliminated the need for long-term water treatment. In reviewing the document, I think the company is taking the steps needed to protect the area and mine the area safely using the Burntlog Route.

Let Idahoans see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project. The USFS has reviewing the project for the last six years. During this time, the company has reduced the project size by 13% in the SDEIS, decreased maximum water temperature to keep it at or below baseline conditions and eliminated the need for long-term water treatment. The review process is working and now we need regulators to advance the project as expeditiously as possible.

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