

It is with great pleasure that I write to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Perpetua Resources during this public input process. This project could help restore Stibnite, secure an American source of antimony and strengthen our nation's supply chains.

Thanks to Perpetua Resources' agreement with Ambri, the Stibnite Gold Project will enable the production of batteries with over 13 Gigawatt hours of clean energy storage. That is more than 8x the total additions to the entire U.S. energy storage market in 2020. With no current domestic source of antimony, the Stibnite Gold Project is not an opportunity we can let pass us by. I have reviewed the company's improved plans using the Burntlog Route and I believe they've outlined a path to protect the environment and minimize impacts. The Stibnite Gold Project should be allowed to move forward.

Perpetua Resources wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them, especially considering the permitting process has worked and helped the company identify how to improve water quality and temperature in the SDEIS. Please permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.

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