

I am proud to welcome Perpetua Resources into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. The project will produce America's only source of antimony, a mineral our national security and clean energy future depends upon, and leave the site in better condition than it is today. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

America's armed forces depend on antimony and, today, we have no domestic supply. This means we are putting our faith in China and Russia to keep our troops safe. This seems incredibly risky given all that is happening in the world. The Stibnite Gold Project, utilizing the Burntlog Route, presents us with an opportunity to secure our national security future and restore an abandoned mine site. We cannot let this chance pass us by.

It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select the 2021 Modified Mine Plan Perpetua Resources presented and permit the project.

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