

I have reviewed Perpetua Resources' plans and met with members of their team to better understand the Stibnite Gold Project. I am impressed with the company's commitment to use modern mining to leave the area better than they found it, while providing our nation with the minerals we need. Below are my comments on the plan to be included in the project record.

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.

As the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies review the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and determine the course of action, I encourage you to consider the positive benefits Perpetua Resources will have on Idaho, especially now that the company has reduced its environmental footprint and made further improvements to water quality. This truly is a win-win opportunity for Idahoans and the environment. After years of careful scrutiny by regulators and the community, it is time for us to make these benefits a reality.

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