

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair. Today, fish cannot swim past the Yellow Pine pit and heavy metals are leaching into the ground and surface water. The Stibnite Gold Project can leave the conditions better than they are today.

Perpetua Resources has a clear plan to clean up legacy issues in the historic Stibnite Mining District. The company has recently made improvements to their plans that reduce the project footprint, improve water quality and keep water temperatures at or below current conditions. This will improve fish habitat, water quality and safely store old mine waste. Along with restoring the site, the Stibnite Gold Project will produce the only domestically mined supply of antimony. Currently, China is the top producer of this mineral. If the Stibnite Gold Project moves forward, the United States can become less reliant on other countries. Creating a domestic source of antimony will also be beneficial for America's green future. Sourcing antimony within the U.S. will result in lower carbon emissions as we will not need to transport the mineral from China into the U.S. Mining standards in the U.S. are also more protective of the environment.

Reviewing Perpetua Resources' improved plans it is clear to me the company really believes in taking care of the environment and keeping the community safe. That is why they reduced water temperatures, improved water quality and shrunk the project footprint by 13 percent. I urge you to trust in your own review process and permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

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