

I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. The project would finally address legacy mining issues that have been plaguing the site for decades and help secure the minerals we need for America's future. The company has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to adopt the proposed activities outlined in the company's 2021 Modified Mine Plan during the permitting process.

The permitting process is designed to move the best plans forward. After reviewing the SDEIS, it is clear to me the Burntlog Road option is the very best plan for Idaho. This will allow the abandoned mine site to be restored, America to secure a domestic source of the critical mineral antimony and fish to be reconnected to their native spawning grounds. The Stibnite Gold Project has been under federal review for the past six years and Perpetua Resources has been studying the site for an additional six years. Twelve years of scientific analysis and stakeholder input is ample time to evaluate a project. The process has been rigorous and done its job. Now, we need to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. It has been in regulatory review for the past six years. During this time, public comments and scientific analysis has helped to improve the plan. But now it is time to move it forward. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan presented by Perpetua Resources in the SDEIS, as expeditiously as possible.

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