

I am writing to express my views on Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. The opportunity presented by the project is compelling for many reasons and I am committed to seeing come to fruition. This is the best opportunity to clean up legacy tailings and waste, reconnect fish to miles of spawning grounds that they have been blocked from for 80 years and restore a river. Without Perpetua Resources, the site will likely never get the environmental attention it deserves.

The Stibnite Gold Project presents a plan to repair the environment and boost Idaho's economy, especially when using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan. Historic mining operations, development of former town site and natural processes have resulted in significant degradation of many elements of the environment. Loss of fish passage, potential water degradation from previous mining activity and excessive erosion are all of great concern to Idahoans. Right now, fish haven't swam past an abandoned mine pit for more than 80 years. Perpetua will reconnect fish passage before mining ever begins. The company will also improve water quality and temperature to further help fish. More improvements were made to these areas after the DEIS was released. Now, Perpetua Resources has identified ways to keep water temperature at or below baseline conditions. The Stibnite Gold Project would finance reclamation efforts to address these problems, boost Idaho's economy and help secure a critical mineral America needs. It is a win-win for everyone.

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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