

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement period for the Stibnite Gold Project. This project could help stop our import reliance on China and Russia for antimony and improve environmental conditions at an abandoned mine site. It is important to me to see this project move forward.

The Biden administration has set an ambitious goal to have a clean energy grid by 2035. We cannot meet that goal without antimony. Antimony is used to make solar panels, wind turbines and large-scale batteries. Currently, we do not have a domestic source of this critical mineral. The Stibnite Gold Project would provide America with a secure and sustainable source. In fact, the project could satisfy 35% of America's antimony needs and help support our clean energy future. Perpetua Resources has already agreed to provide enough antimony to Ambri to help the battery manufacturer power 1 million homes with solar power. I believe the minerals from the Stibnite Gold Project can be used to help us protect our environment and I trust in the company's plans to minimize environmental impacts during mining and restore the site when they are done.

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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