

I am proud to submit my comments in support of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and provide our nation with the much-needed critical mineral antimony. Today, America relies on China and Russia to provide us with antimony. The Stibnite Gold Project could help us secure a domestic source of antimony.

Restoring the Stibnite Gold Project site will be an incredible investment. Work clearly needs to be done in the area but it should not be funded through taxpayer dollars. Fortunately, Perpetua Resources wants to make the investment. The company is proposing a mining project and full-scale restoration project. They have plans to reconnect fish with their natural spawning grounds. Perpetua will also improve water quality and temperature. After the comments from the DEIS were analyzed, the company recognized it could do more in those areas. They added wider and taller riparian vegetation plantings around stream channels, as well as including a widened and deepened portion of the East Fork of the South Fork Salmon River Channel in the Yellow Pine pit backfill. The company will also solve sedimentation issues by repairing Blowout Creek.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. After 6 years of intense review, I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit the 2021 Modified Mine Plan so this brownfield site can finally be restored.

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