

Thanks' for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the public permitting process. I think this project will have a positive impact on the environment, communities surrounding the site and Idahoans.

I support the 2021 Modified Mine Plan of the SDEIS. Under this plan, Perpetua Resources will help mitigate the damages left by previous mining projects, bring hundreds of well-paying jobs to Valley County and provide the only domestically mined source of antimony in the country. This project would allow our nation to rely less on foreign countries for critical minerals and reduce our carbon footprint by sourcing minerals at home. Environmental regulations are stricter in the United States and when minerals are sourced in this country we do not have to expend as much energy and resources transporting them to their final destination. The 2021 Modified Mine Plan is economically and technically feasible. It also improves upon the company's originally submitted plans. With the new updates, Perpetua has eliminated the need for long-term water treatment, kept water temperatures on site at or below current temperatures, improves water quality and shrinks the size of the project footprint by 13 percent. It is clear it is the best choice moving forward.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward. The permitting process is designed to advance the best plans possible. I believe the work of regulators over the past six years is proof this is what is happening with the Stibnite Gold Project. The thorough review process has been beneficial but there should be no more delays. The project should move forward in a timely manner.

Wherever possible private enterprise is always better for site cleanup where possible as that will encourage profit motivation where as government based operations are always lost money based costing the taxpayer hard earned income with no upside. The role government should play is to act as referee between private enterprise and the public helping craft the original agreement/contract and seeing to it that the company/corporation lives up to its original contractual obligations.

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