

I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua has shown they are committed to Idaho and want to take care of the environment. The company designed its project to clean up legacy waste, reconnect salmon to their native spawning grounds and fix one of the watershed's largest source of sedimentation. The Stibnite Gold Project would water quality, wetlands and the river better than they are today. I hope you move forward and permit this project as quickly as possible.

One of the top reasons why I support Perpetua Resources' plans is because it will secure an American source of antimony. The federal government deemed antimony a critical mineral because of its use in the energy and national defense industries. Today, there is no domestic source of this mineral. Most of it comes from China or Russia, which makes our country vulnerable. America's military depend on antimony to protect our country and stay safe. The mineral is used in munitions, military clothing, night vision goggles, infrared sensors and more. It is irresponsible to continue relying on our adversaries to provide us with antimony. I have reviewed the plan and believe the Burntlog option will allow the company to mine safely, minimize the impacts to the environment and help protect our national security.

Let Idahoans see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project. The USFS has reviewing the project for the last six years. During this time, the company has reduced the project size by 13% in the SDEIS, decreased maximum water temperature to keep it at or below baseline conditions and eliminated the need for long-term water treatment. The review process is working and now we need regulators to advance the project as expeditiously as possible.

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