

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 strategic minerals, improve environmental conditions at an abandoned mine site, and create high paying year-round sustainable jobs for a rural community. It is important to me to see this project move forward.

The Stibnite Gold Project would secure America's only source of antimony. Today, we predominately rely on China and Russia for this critical mineral, which is concerning given its importance. Antimony is used heavily in national defense applications, including everything from munitions to military uniforms. It is also key to the clean energy transition. In fact, Perpetua Resources plans to supply antimony to large-scale battery maker Ambri, so they can commercialize their technology. The antimony from Stibnite could help power approximately 1 million homes with solar power for the battery's 20+ lifespan. Utilizing a locally produced product will also reduce the amount of fossil fuels required to transport antimony across the oceans. This will also reduce the impact and risk to marine life and ecosystems. Reduced trans-oceanic traffic during the pandemic showed how much improvement there can be to marine life through reduced noise, ship strikes, and pollution. A better environment in the ocean will help support salmon health before they return for spawning. I support the Stibnite Gold Project using the Burntlog route because I want to help America reach our clean energy goals while also improving conditions for wildlife globally.

After reading my letter, I hope you can see why you should permit the Stibnite Gold Project. This project is a good thing for Idaho, helps decrease America's dependence on foreign countries for a critical mineral and cleans up the environment. The company also continued to refine its plan in response to the permitting process, so it has the smallest footprint possible and results in improved water quality conditions on site.

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