

I am proud to welcome Perpetua Resources into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. The project will produce America's only source of antimony, a mineral our national security and clean energy future depends upon, and leave the site in better condition than it is today. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

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.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward, especially now with the further improvements to water quality conditions on site. This is just one example of how the permitting process has worked to improve the plan.

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