

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the last several years, I've had the opportunity to hear a handful of presentations on the project, sit down with members of Perpetua Resources and observe how the company has lived out its mission as it has grown. It is with this knowledge that I encourage you to move the project forward.

It is time to move the Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua Resources has spent the last 12 years working with stakeholders to make sure its project meets the highest environmental standards and brings positive benefits to Idaho. Over the past six years, multiple federal, state and local agencies have analyzed the project as part of the review process. The public has had ample time to review Perpetua's plans and two opportunities to provide comments. The input and permitting process has improved the plan. Perpetua resources has increased recreational access, improved water quality and reduced its project footprint. It is time to move the project forward.

The SDEIS reduces the size of the project footprint, improves water quality, eliminates the need for long-term water treatment and makes sure water temperature on site does not exceed baseline conditions – all while providing our nation with access to a mineral we desperately need. The permitting process has been thorough and complete. Now, I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan.

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