

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the NEPA Comment Period. I have been closely following Perpetua Resources' plans since they first came into our state, in large part because some of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities. The Stibnite Gold Project could help us restore an abandoned mine site.

Perpetua Resources has made it clear reclamation efforts will start alongside operations. For example, before mining ever begins, fish will be reconnected to their native spawning groups upstream through a fish passageway. Perpetua Resources also identified more ways to help fish populations. Originally, the company proposed not replacing the pit lake at the Yellow Pine Pit, however, a pit lake is included in the 2021 Modified Mine Plan to make sure currently used habitat is replaced and available for the fish that use it today. The company is also adding more plantings along waterways to reduce water temperatures for fish. Perpetua also has proposed using Burnt Log Road in order to keep vehicles away from precious waterways. I am impressed by the improvements the company made to its plan based on public feedback.

For the above reasons and many more, please move forward with the 2021 Modified Mine Plan for the Stibnite Gold Project as it is important to all Idahoans. After more than 12 years of scientific analysis by the company and six years of regulatory review that the project, we should not have to wait much longer to recognize the project's benefits.

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