

America desperately needs antimony. This mineral is used in munitions, large-capacity storage batteries, fire retardants and more. Currently, we are entirely dependent on foreign countries to provide this mineral, which is why I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. This project can stop our import reliance on antimony.

The Stibnite Gold Project presents a plan to repair the environment and boost Idaho's economy, especially when using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan. Historic mining operations, development of former town site and natural processes have resulted in significant degradation of many elements of the environment. Loss of fish passage, potential water degradation from previous mining activity and excessive erosion are all of great concern to Idahoans. Right now, fish haven't swam past an abandoned mine pit for more than 80 years. Perpetua will reconnect fish passage before mining ever begins. The company will also improve water quality and temperature to further help fish. More improvements were made to these areas after the DEIS was released. Now, Perpetua Resources has identified ways to keep water temperature at or below baseline conditions. The Stibnite Gold Project would finance reclamation efforts to address these problems, boost Idaho's economy and help secure a critical mineral America needs. It is a win-win for everyone.

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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