

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 antimony and improve environmental conditions at an abandoned mine site. It is important to me to see this project move forward.

Private industry is needed to restore the Stibnite Gold Project site. Unfortunately, the federal government attempted to restore the area but problems in the area still persist today. Perpetua wants to restore the site through mining. The company has spent the last 12 years studying the environment of the site, gathering input from the community and carefully analyzing many options to mine and perform restoration work. After the DEIS, the company identified even more improvements. I was so pleased with what I saw in the SDEIS with the 2021 Modified Mine Plan. There is no longer a need for long-term water treatment, water quality conditions are improved, the project footprint is even smaller and there is no longer a need for the Fiddle Development Rock Storage Facility. The Stibnite Gold Project is clearly well thought out, practical and environmentally sound. I encourage you to adopt the Burnt Log Road option outlined in the SDEIS. Continuing to use existing roads, especially as the project ramps up, is just too risky given the avalanche history and proximity to waterways. It would put construction and mine traffic adjacent to miles of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River, increasing the chance of spills. Burnt Log is clearly a safer option for all of us.

Perpetua Resources wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them, especially considering the permitting process has worked and helped the company identify how to improve water quality and temperature in the SDEIS. Please permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward. I believe the antimony that would be recovered would benefit our National Security interests as well giving this project a much wider impact on not only the people of the region but nationwide.

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