

Our family has had a long history in the Yellow Pine area with my in-laws currently living in Yellow Pine, so I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. We have witnessed first hand that over the past several years Perpetua has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho. I encourage you to permit the improvements proposed by the company and move the project forward using the Burntlog Road route which would allow the mining vehicle traffic to stay away from Johnson Creek and the EFOSF Salmon River.

Restoring the Stibnite Gold Project site will be an incredible investment. Work clearly needs to be done in the area but it should not be funded through taxpayer dollars. Fortunately, Perpetua Resources wants to make the investment. The company is proposing a mining project and full-scale restoration project. They have plans to reconnect fish with their natural spawning grounds. Perpetua will also improve water quality and temperature. After the comments from the DEIS were analyzed, the company recognized it could do more in those areas. They added wider and taller riparian vegetation plantings around stream channels, as well as including a widened and deepened portion of the East Fork of the South Fork Salmon River Channel in the Yellow Pine pit backfill. The company will also solve sedimentation issues by repairing Blowout Creek.

The Stibnite Gold Project has been under federal review for the last six years. That has given regulators and the public plenty of time to review the company's plan. I know this project will transform an area in need of environmental repair and secure a domestic supply of antimony. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward.

Garry Mattson