

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my views on Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project.

The opportunity presented by the project is compelling for many reasons and I am committed to seeing come to fruition. This is the best opportunity to clean up a mess left behind by previous mining operations decades ago! Without Perpetua Resources, the site will likely never get the environmental attention it deserves.

I spent a fair amount of time over the last 6 years following this project. I've stopped at their office and even taken a tour of the site. There are many checks and balances in place to ensure Perpetua Resources follows through on its promises to restore the site. In fact, the company is required by law to set aside all of the money it needs for restoration before mining can begin. However, I am not worried about Perpetua staying true to its word. The company has already started restoration work at the site. They have planted more than 60,000 trees to help reduce the amount of sediment going into the river, installed solar energy panels at site to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improved miles of road along the river to protect fish habitat. However, what's more impressive to me is the changes the company has made following the comments they received on the draft environmental impact study. They took the feedback from critics and concerned entities to heart and looked at ways to further improve the plan. I feel strongly that the project should move forward – especially because it would allow us to secure a domestic source of antimony.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Perpetua Resources' project as outlined in the 2021 new plan.

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