

I am proud to welcome Perpetua Resources into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. The project will produce America's only source of antimony, a mineral our national security and clean energy future depends upon, and leave the site in better condition than it is today. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

The permitting process has made the Stibnite Gold Project better. Perpetua Resources has listened to input from the public and regulators and found ways to reduce its project footprint, improve fish habitat and eliminate the need for long-term water treatment. Reviewing the Burntlog Road option in the SDEIS, it is clear to me the company plans to mine the area responsibly and minimize its environmental impacts. I hope the USFS will move this improved plan forward.

Let Idahoans see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project. The USFS has reviewing the project for the last six years. During this time, the company has reduced the project size by 13% in the SDEIS, decreased maximum water temperature to keep it at or below baseline conditions and eliminated the need for long-term water treatment. The review process is working and now we need regulators to advance the project as expeditiously as possible.

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