

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.

Last summer, Perpetua agreed to provide antimony to largescale battery maker Ambri. The agreement establishes a foundation to help facilitate the decarbonization of energy grids in the U.S. as well as around the globe. Ambri's batteries could fundamentally change how our energy system operates by making it possible for power grids to rely on more power from the wind and sun. The Stibnite Gold Project is key to making this happen because it would be America's only mined source of antimony. Without it, we will continue to have to rely on China and Russia for this critical mineral. I want to support America's clean energy transition and supporting the Stibnite Gold Project using Burntlog Road is one of the best ways I can do that.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward. The permitting process is designed to advance the best plans possible. I believe the work of regulators over the past six years is proof this is what is happening with the Stibnite Gold Project. The thorough review process has been beneficial but there should be no more delays. The project should move forward in a timely manner.

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