

I have several reasons for supporting Perpetua Resources' Stibnite project.

First is the environment. I've been to the site. It is a mess. Now we have a corporation with the expertise and willingness to clean it up, at no expense to the taxpayer. What's not to like? I am confident the attendant risks of mining and subsequent restoration can be successfully dealt with, and that the nine government agencies involved have the means to hold the corporation's feet to the fire, if necessary.

Ever since our local timber industry was largely shut down by the same "environmentalists" who are attempting to stop this project, Valley County has been short of jobs and tax revenue. The Stibnite project will provide both and is not in any NIMBY's backyard.

Everything that is not grown must be mined. To be implacably against mining is to relegate our society to a hunter-gather existence.

Antimony is a strategic mineral not currently being mined in our country, leaving us dependent primarily on Communist China. It is used in the manufacture of the wind turbines, solar panels, and batteries essential to the "green" agenda embraced by the very people who oppose Stibnite.

From the public comments I have read, the opposition case is based on, emotion, a distaste for the profit motive, and any number of "what ifs?" Emotion is not a basis for sound decision making. Greece is proof that not everybody can work for the government or a nonprofit. Risks can, should, and will be mitigated against... but what if a meteorite strikes the mine?

The case against approval is emotional and conjectural, while the case in favor is rational and factual.

Thank you for your time.

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