

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the SDEIS for the Stibnite Gold Project. This project is important for Idaho's future and our nation's future. Perpetua Resources has a plan to leave the site better than they found it and produce antimony, a mineral we need for our national defense and clean energy future.

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.

Perpetua Resources wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. After reviewing the project for six years, I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the project forward with the improvements laid out in the SDEIS.

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