

I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. The project would finally address legacy mining issues that have been plaguing the site for decades and help secure the minerals we need for America's future. The company has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to adopt the proposed activities outlined in the company's 2021 Modified Mine Plan during the permitting process.

Given the history of the region, I was a bit skeptical when I first heard about this project, but it is clear that Perpetua is going out of their way to put environmental safety and restoration front and center. That is why the USFS identified the company's 2021 Modified Mine Plan as its preferred alternative. The refined plan eliminates the need for long-term water treatment, incorporates measures to manage stream temperatures and reduces impacts associated with access and transportation on Johnson Creek. The fact that regulators named the company's plan as its preferred alternative gives me great confidence in the company's plan. Plus, regulators have concluded the Modified Mine Plan will let Perpetua mine while giving consideration to environmental, economic and technical factors.

The SDEIS reduces the size of the project footprint, improves water quality, eliminates the need for long-term water treatment and makes sure water temperature on site does not exceed baseline conditions – all while providing our nation with access to a mineral we desperately need. The permitting process has been thorough and complete. Now, I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan.

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