

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.

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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