



Idaho State Senate State of Idaho

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street, Building 2
McCall, ID 83638

Attention Ms. Jackson,

Representing the 7th district, I am writing to express my support for Perpetua Resources' proposed Stibnite Gold Project. This project provides all Idahoans with a quality and sustainable opportunity to reinvigorate our mining industry and overall economy.

The historic Stibnite Mining District has seen more than 100 years of mining activity but is in desperate need of rehabilitation. Not only will the Stibnite Gold Project invigorate the mining industry in our state, but Perpetua has also committed to repairing the damage from previous mining activities onsite and to leaving the land in a condition that will thrive for generations to come.

The company signed an Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent with the EPA, DoJ and USFS in early 2021 to address time critical water quality concerns at Stibnite. This summer, they rerouted 3 waterways away from contaminated legacy material and put these waterways into lined channels to prevent future interaction. Next summer they will begin picking up and safely storing 325,000 tons of historic tailings and waste. The company has committed to spending millions of dollars to carry out this work. Which I view as a testament to their commitment to restoring Stibnite to its original glory so that future generations of Idahoans can enjoy this remote area of our backcountry.

As a member of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC), I am encouraged by projects that, as proposed, will yield significant economic benefits while also demonstrating measurable outcomes. The Stibnite Gold project fits squarely in this category. An independent study on the economic impacts of the project found, during construction, the direct impact on the local economy would be over \$18 million a year in taxes, wages and ancillary benefits. Total local income tax payments over the 20-year project are expected to be more than \$448 million. The economics of this project have been thoroughly studied and it is my opinion that another economic study would be unnecessary.

This project is the type of long-term economic investment that our state really needs at this time. That is why it is critical Perpetua Resources Idaho is allowed to proceed forward in this permitting process. I urge you to move this project forward into production. It's time for all Idahoans to experience the benefits of this type of private investment in our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl Crabtree".

Sen. Carl Crabtree
Vice Chair – Senate Finance Committee