

I am writing to express my views on Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. The opportunity presented by the project is compelling for many reasons and I am committed to seeing come to fruition. This is the best opportunity to clean up legacy tailings and waste, reconnect fish to miles of spawning grounds that they have been blocked from for 80 years and restore a river. Without Perpetua Resources, the site will likely never get the environmental attention it deserves.

Perpetua Resources made a lot of improvements to its plan after the last comment period. The community's feedback made the Stibnite Gold Project better. In fact, regulators identified Perpetua's plan as their preferred alternative in the SDEIS. This is a big deal and signals that regulators believe Perpetua can safely mine the site and limit its impact on the environment and surrounding communities. We need the minerals from this project. Now that Perpetua has eliminated the need for long-term water treatment, improved water temperatures on site and reduced the size of the project, the Stibnite Gold Project should move forward.

Perpetua Resources wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them, especially considering the permitting process has worked and helped the company identify how to improve water quality and temperature in the SDEIS. Please permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.

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