

I am writing to share my thoughts on Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold project. There are many reasons why I am excited for Perpetua's project to come to life. It would provide America with our only mined supply of antimony, a mineral critical to our national defense and energy sectors. I hope through my comments you will understand why I want to see this project move forward.

I agree with regulators and feel strongly that the preferred alternative is the best option for the Stibnite Gold Project moving forward. This option utilizes Burntlog Road. According to the SDEIS, this route would avoid environmental and safety risks associated with the avalanche and landside prone Johnson Creek Road. We need the minerals from Stibnite and Burntlog will allow mining to move forward while minimizing the impacts of mining on the community. Burntlog will reduce mine traffic interactions with the public and decrease the potential for spills near fish-bearing streams.

As the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies review the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and determine the course of action, I encourage you to consider the positive benefits Perpetua Resources will have on Idaho, especially now that the company has reduced its environmental footprint and made further improvements to water quality. This truly is a win-win opportunity for Idahoans and the environment. After years of careful scrutiny by regulators and the community, it is time for us to make these benefits a reality.

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