

America desperately needs antimony. This mineral is used in munitions, large-capacity storage batteries, fire retardants and more. Currently, we are entirely dependent on foreign countries to provide this mineral, which is why I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. This project can stop our import reliance on antimony.

America needs antimony and gold. We need to strengthen our supply chains and bring mining home. I know people are concerned about mining's impacts on the environment but regulators identified Perpetua Resources refined plan as it preferred alternative because they determined the company could mine while minimizing impacts on the environment and communities. One of the ways the company does that is by using Burntlog Road. This reduces the number of stream crossings for mine traffic compared to the Johnson Creek Route, reduces the chances of accidents with recreationalists and minimizes the impacts of potential spills. By keeping traffic away from river crossings, it also lowers sedimentation impacts from mining.

Reviewing Perpetua Resources' improved plans it is clear to me the company really believes in taking care of the environment and keeping the community safe. That is why they reduced water temperatures, improved water quality and shrunk the project footprint by 13 percent. I urge you to trust in your own review process and permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

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