

Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts on the SDEIS. This project is important to me because it can provide America with a domestically mined source of antimony and restore an abandoned mine site in need of repair.

Our lives depend on mining. We need minerals for our cell phones, computers, cars and pretty much everything in between. While mining is crucial, we cannot sacrifice our environment in the process. Mining must be done responsibly. When the USFS identified Perpetua's improved plan as its preferred alternative, it signaled they believe the company can limit community and environmental impacts and mine. Reviewing the SDEIS, I was pleased to see the preferred alternative would improve water quality conditions in Meadow Creek and the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River by removing the repurposing legacy tailings. The conditions on site are not going to fix themselves. Perpetua Resources is our best bet to improve water quality.

The Stibnite Gold Project is important to Idaho, our national security and clean energy future. Regulators have been reviewing the project for the past 6 years. This time has allowed the project to improve and, now, I encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

Douglas Bean