

America desperately needs to be independent from foreign mineral resources especially when it's just sitting on US property. This is true of antimony, which is so necessary to all of us. This mineral is used in munitions, large-capacity storage batteries, fire retardants and more. I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. This project can stop our import reliance on antimony.

We all care about about Idaho's fish populations. From the previous reports, we see Perpetua will actually improve the conditions up at Stibnite. We visited the job site for ourselves and saw what the conditions up there were as of August 2019.

With the oversight of the gov't agencies, they plan and will accomplish what the US Gov't can not do at this time. Perpetua will have a beneficial impact on fish populations within the vicinity of the mine. No one seems to be talking about how the abandoned Yellow Pine Pit currently blocks fish access to the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. Fish will continue to be blocked from high quality habitat unless we let Perpetua Resources move forward with its plan. We should allow Perpetua Resources to mine at Stibnite, so we can help fish, secure American supply chains and provide family-wage jobs to Idahoans.

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 Valley County as well as all of Idaho 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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