

After reading Perpetua Resources' plans and meeting with members of their team to better understand the Stibnite Gold Project, I agree with the company's commitment to use modern mining to leave the area better than they found it, while providing our nation with the minerals needed for our concerns.

Salmon have been cut off from miles of high-mountain spawning grounds and rearing habitats since roughly 1938, when the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River was diverted around the Yellow Pine Pit. That needs improvement for supporting lives of salmon species. Fortunately, Perpetua Resources plans to design and install a fish passageway to help connect fish to their native spawning grounds before mining even begins. While skeptics have questioned whether or not the passageway would work, the SDEIS concludes it will provide passage for all four special status fish species at Stibnite. And, once mining at the Yellow Pine Pit is complete, Perpetua would begin full restoration of the river, creating a long-term solution for salmon to spawn upstream. This is just one of the benefits of the preferred alternative.

Thank you for reviewing the Stibnite Gold Project. After analyzing the project for the past six years, I request that you move forward and permit the mine using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan so Perpetua Resources can put Americans back to work.

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