

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.

I am supportive of Perpetua Resources' refined plan in large part because regulators named it as their preferred alternative. The USFS indicated it was the best option for mining the site because it eliminated the need for perpetual water treatment, had a better access route and did a better job managing stream temperatures. Regulators would not have identified Perpetua's plan as their favorite unless they were confident the company could minimize impacts to the environment and community while mining for gold and the critical mineral antimony.

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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