

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair. Today, fish cannot swim past the Yellow Pine pit and heavy metals are leaching into the ground and surface water. The Stibnite Gold Project can leave the conditions better than they are today.

It is clear to me that Perpetua's refined plan, identified as the preferred alternative in the SDEIS, is the safest option for Idahoans. In this plan, Perpetua will utilize the Burntlog Route and not travel along Johnson Creek. This will help reduce the impacts of mine traffic on roads used by recreationalists. Burntlog is also a much safer option. In fact, the SDEIS says there are more avalanches and rockfalls along the Johnson Creek Route and these incidents are more significant in size. It would be unwise to route mine traffic on a road with so many known risks and would likely increase the possibility of accidents. Therefore, I support the preferred alternative using Burntlog Road.

Thank you for the thorough review of the Stibnite Gold Project. After analyzing the project for the past six years, I urge you to now 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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