

This letter is to express my support of Perpetua's Stibnite Gold Project. America needs this project to be permitted. It would produce our country's only source of antimony, a mineral we need for a secure and sustainable future. I hope after reading my thoughts you will understand why my support for this project is so strong.

There are many reasons to support Perpetua Resources improved mine plan. However, this lined in the SDEIS stood out to me: "The restoration activities, particularly providing volitional passage in the East Fork SFSR, would result in a major, permanent, regional, and beneficial effect on Chinook salmon, steelhead, bull trout, and westslope cutthroat trout within the vicinity of mine." Reviewing the SDEIS makes me confident Perpetua can make it good on its promise and show all of us how mining and the environment can work hand in hand.

The SDEIS reduces the size of the project footprint, improves water quality, eliminates the need for long-term water treatment and makes sure water temperature on site does not exceed baseline conditions – all while providing our nation with access to a mineral we desperately need. The permitting process has been thorough and complete. Now, I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan.

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