

USFS decision makers, thank you for the chance to comment during the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement period for the Stibnite Gold Project. This project will help stop our import reliance on China, Russia, and other undependable trade partners for antimony and other strategic minerals. It will also improve environmental conditions at an abandoned mine site. It is important to me and our country to see this project move forward.

Everyone who cares about Idaho's fish populations should take notice of some of regulators' conclusions in the SDEIS. Importantly, the SDEIS states by providing natural passage for fish, Perpetua will have a beneficial impact on fish populations within the vicinity of the mine. Currently, the abandoned Yellow Pine Pit 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.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. After 6 years of intense review, I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit the 2021 Modified Mine Plan so this brownfield site can finally be restored.

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