

As a representative for local snowmobile enthusiasts, I have addressed the current and possible future impacts of this sport in regards to the plans of Stibnite Gold Project. For several years, now, I have been involved with many discussions with Perpetua Resources to address possible impacts, solutions, and improvements that have been identified in relation to the project and winter motorized enthusiasts. The improvements that could and should be experienced with regard to snowmobiling and working with Perpetua are outstanding, in fact, to the point that once the project comes to an end the improvements should be maintained and not fall into the trap of the "reclamation process". Up to this point, the major industry of Valley County is tourism and the winter portion is one of the most significant. An economic study done in 2015-16 showed that snowmobiling had a financial impact of over \$30million to Valley County. I feel that Perpetua is committed to being a strong major partner in the county's and local area's recreational endeavors.

With this being said, I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua has shown they are committed to Idaho and want to take care of the environment. The company designed its project to clean up legacy waste, reconnect salmon to their native spawning grounds and fix one of the watershed's largest source of sedimentation. The Stibnite Gold Project would water quality, wetlands and the river better than they are today. I hope you move forward and permit this project as quickly as possible.

Since the primary growth and depth of mining activity of this particular area was the result of mining extremely critical materials during World War II, it is disappointing that we have not taken advantage of a process or opportunity to reclaim this area back closer to it's natural state. It seems that this might be the best process and opportunity to do just that.

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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