

I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the past several years Perpetua has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho. I encourage you to permit the improvements proposed by the company and move the project forward using the Burntlog Road route.

I support the preferred alternative because it will help minimize the impacts of mine traffic and reduce the risk of accidents and spills. According to the SDEIS, less than 10 miles of the Burntlog Route is within a half mile of a waterway compared to 27 miles on Johnson Creek. The Johnson Creek Route would put our community and fish at greater risk if there was ever an accident or spill while Perpetua was traveling to site. I want to keep traffic as far away from rivers, streams and creeks as possible.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward, especially now with the further improvements to water quality conditions on site. This is just one example of how the permitting process has worked to improve the plan.

As a geologist that has conducted an investigation of the Gold King Mine incident and spill into the Animas River in Southwest Colorado, and also a seasonal wildland- fire fighter for the USFS, I believe that Perpetua will use prudent, accepted, and validated methods of Envirosafe engineering as well as worst case scenario containment provisions to prevent any type of spill into Johnson Creek.

I also encourage the USFS to stipulate that a worst case scenario spill prevention and countermeasure plan be required from Perpetua.

I have previously assessed sites and projects and developed these programs.

Please accept the assurance of my most sincere and respectful sentiments.

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