

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the last several years, I've had the opportunity to hear a handful of presentations on the project, sit down with members of Perpetua Resources and observe how the company has lived out its mission as it has grown. Proposed operations have intended from the start to 1) restore a hugh portion of a government project mine site; 2) produce a Critical Mineral; and 3) provide jobs in Idaho. The refined plan of operations expands on these key goals. For these reasons I encourage the Forest Service to approve the preferred alternative.

America needs antimony and gold. We need to strengthen our supply chains and bring mining home. I know people are concerned about mining's impacts on the environment but regulators identified Perpetua Resources refined plan as a preferred alternative in the Environmental Review Process because they determined the company could mine while minimizing impacts on the environment and communities. One of the ways the company does that is by using Burntlog Road. This reduces the number of stream crossings for mine traffic compared to the Johnson Creek Route, reduces the chances of accidents with recreationalists and minimizes the impacts of potential spills. By keeping traffic away from river crossings, it also lowers sedimentation impacts from mining.

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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