

I am proud to welcome Perpetua Resources into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. The project will produce America's only source of antimony, a mineral our national security and clean energy future depends upon, and leave the site in better condition than it is today. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

The EIS document estimates that the project will generate \$29.4 million in taxes annually and create thousands of jobs for Idahoans and nationwide. I reviewed section 21 which summarizes the beneficial economic impacts from the project. The 2,690 jobs created by the mine during operations annually, and almost 5,000 jobs created during construction, would be a huge benefit to the local and state economies. Moreover, these would be high paying jobs offering good benefits and supporting workers families. This is exactly the kind of economic incentive that is needed in rural Idaho. The McCall area can't make it on tourism alone.

Reviewing Perpetua Resources' improved plans it is clear to me the company really believes in taking care of the environment and keeping the community safe. That is why they reduced water temperatures, improved water quality and shrunk the project footprint by 13 percent. I urge you to trust in your own review process and permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

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