

Idaho State Legislature

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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor 500 North Mission Street, Building 2 McCall, ID 83638

RE: Stibnite Gold Project, Perpetua Resources

Linda Jackson.

I am proud to offer my encouragement and support for the Stibnite Gold Project being proposed by Perpetua Resources. As a newly elected official I still have a lot to learn about the mining industry in Idaho. I recently was able to attend the Idaho Mining Association's annual conference and got to learn about many of the projects throughout the state. The people and commitment to be good stewards of our precious land stuck out to me.

I understand that Perpetua has placed a heavy emphasis on the surrounding communities in the area since they first started on the project over 12 years ago. Through that dialogue and the NEPA process there have been several key improvements to the plan. Some of these improvements include a reduction in the project footprint by roughly 13%. A reduction in mined material by 10%, 44 million tons and elimination of waste rock storage areas. The new plan also adds extra geosynthetic covers for additional long term water quality protection. Develops additional habitat features to replace bull trough habitat. And modifies the ore processing circuit to improve tailings chemistry.

I ran for office to promote and protect Idaho values. As described above this plan has incorporated many good options and made for a better mine plan. Please move forward with this important project.

Thank you,

Rep. Chenele Dixon

Idaho House of Representatives

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