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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street, Building 2
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RE: Stibnite Gold Project Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS)

Dear Linda Jackson,

Please consider this letter as my steadfast support for Perpetua Resources and its Stibnite Gold Project. Over the summer, I have had the opportunity to tour a few mining sites in Idaho and have learned a great deal about our thriving mining industry. This project would bring jobs to Idaho and provide the US with a domestic source of the critical mineral of antimony.

Currently, China, Russia and Tajikistan control 90% of the global antimony supply and the US has no domestically mined source. The Stibnite site is the only identified reserve of antimony in the US and would be a key factor in reducing our reliance on foreign imports. Supplying antimony, which is used in production of ammunition, can help secure our national defense and protect our servicemembers.

Furthermore, approval of Stibnite would result in a \$1 billion investment from Perpetua, which is tied to their commitment for revitalization of an abandoned mine site. As outlined in the SDEIS, Perpetua plans to vastly improve on-site and off-site water quality, uplift wetlands quality, and open waterways that are critical for chinook and bull trout populations, as well as steelhead spawning.

This project is a win-win for Idaho. I encourage the USFS to approve the SDEIS for Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Garner".

Dan Garner
District 34, Idaho House of Representatives