

Idaho House of Representatives

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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: SDEIS - Stibnite Gold Project

U.S. Forest Service Permitting Officials,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project. I strongly urge the U.S. Forest Service to continue to move this important project through the permitting process.

The project will be a huge economic boon to the state of Idaho and specifically Valley County. If fact, Perpetua has already spent nearly \$300 million in total, roughly \$10 million in Idaho alone last year. The project is expected to cost roughly \$1 billion to construct and will be between 500 to 600 Idaho jobs. The company is expecting to have annual expenditures over \$230 million. Perpetua has already proven to be a vital business partner to Idaho and will continue to be that throughout the life of the mine.

Furthermore, this project will provide the much-needed critical mineral, antimony. The project site has an estimated 148 million pounds of antimony reserve. With the current political environment, domestically mining this important resource is crucial now more than ever. Further, Perpetua can enter into mill-toll or similar agreements that keep Perpetua in control of the product.

Please consider these comments of support and move forward with the Supplemental Draft EIS for Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project.

Respectfully,

Rep. Greg Lanting