



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

Attention Ms. Jackson & Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to explain why I support Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project. This project will facilitate economic growth within the Gem State through Perpetua Resource's commitment to providing high-wage-earning jobs and domestically mining the critical mineral antimony.

Furthermore, the project will clean up over 10 million tons of legacy tailings and waste, restore the East Fork South Fork of the Salmon River and reconnect fish to 20 miles of river habitat that have been blocked over the past 80 years.

The net benefit of the project will include 47% reduction in arsenic in the East Fork South Fork of the Salmon River on site and a reduction of 40% in arsenic off-site. All of these benefits will happen because of private investment and a commitment to the environment through modern mining practices.

Living and working in Idaho's agricultural industry I fully understand the importance of properly using our natural resources and Perpetua plans to do that. For these reasons and many more, I strongly encourage the USFS to approve the SDEIS for Perpetua's Stibnite Gold Project.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jack Nelsen".

Rep. Jack Nelsen

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