



## Idaho House of Representatives State of Idaho

December 1, 2022

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

RE: Approval of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project

Dear Ms. Jackson,

Mining is extremely important to my district and I am an advocate for the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Perpetua Resources. As a native Idahoan, I believe it's critical that we protect our land and support companies that have the best interests of Idaho at heart. I believe this is the case at the Stibnite Gold site.

Idahoans depend on our natural lands and it is important that we repair the Stibnite area for future generations. The total restoration needed in this area would not be viable without private investment. Perpetua has signaled its commitment to a \$1 billion dollar investment in this project, which would include numerous safeguards and revitalization efforts during operations.

Previous damage from outdated mining practices includes blocked fish passages on the Salmon River, elevated levels of metals in our waterways, and accelerated erosion. Revitalization efforts in all these areas of concerns are included in the Supplemental Draft EIS for the Stibnite Gold Project. When you accompany Perpetua's vision for restoration with its financial commitments, this project needs to receive a greenlight by the Forest Service.

That's why I urge the permitting officials at the Forest Service to approve the Stibnite Gold Project. It will bring jobs to Idaho, restore an abandoned mine site, and reduce reliance on the import of antimony, a critical resource necessary for our national security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Wheeler".

Josh Wheeler  
District 35 – Idaho House of Representatives