



## 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, Building 2  
McCall, ID 83638

### **RE: Support the Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project**

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I write today in support of the proposed Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Perpetua Resources Idaho and to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. I strongly believe that this is an opportunity for our state that cannot be ignored.

The Stibnite Gold Project is a \$1 billion investment in the Gem State that will employ hundreds of Idahoans as well as generate significant resources for our economy. With upward of 1,000 new jobs created during construction and Perpetua Resources' commitment to hiring locally for many of those jobs, this is a tremendous opportunity to build a skilled workforce.

However, it is not only Idaho's economy that will benefit from the project. The Stibnite Gold Project area has been mined for over 100 years leaving legacy issues unsolved by either industry or government. With the Stibnite Gold Project, surrounding communities finally have a workable solution to address these expensive and complex legacy issues thanks to the willingness of Perpetua to tackle problems not of their creation.

The area is plagued with abandoned pits, blocked fish passages, accelerated erosion, increased water sedimentation and many other environmental hazards. This project provides the type of private investment needed to restore these lands and re-establish the salmon and steel head fish passages for years to come. Perpetua has painstakingly studied many alternatives for each project phase of operations and restoration. We all should be very grateful for their steadfast efforts for Idaho.

The NEPA process has been robust and the Forest Service's decision to designate the 2021 MMP as the preferred Alternative signals to me that you too understand the benefits this project will have on Idaho should it be permitted.

Idaho cannot afford to turn away an invitation to better our economy and environment. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit the 2021 MMP and allow the Stibnite Gold Project to commence as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Boyle".

Rep. Judy Boyle, District 9B