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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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Attention Ms. Jackson,

I'm writing to express my support for Perpetua Resources' proposed Stibnite Gold Project as a member of the Idaho House of Representatives. With this project, Idaho will have a rare opportunity to restore an ecologically vulnerable location and significantly boost the economy of the rural areas of our state. Additionally, the proposed project prioritizes and invests in the citizens of Idaho through targeted initiatives for employment and training.

"Little City with the Big Future" is the city motto of Ponderay, the area I represent. I often think of Idaho as being similar to that. As the father of seven children, I must fight for an Idaho that can provide strong economic and educational opportunities, which are essential for developing and retaining homegrown talent. We have a special chance to make that big future a reality for all Idahoans with the Stibnite Gold Project.

By collaborating closely with local schools, community colleges, and the Idaho Department of Labor, Perpetua Resources will support employment and training opportunities for Idahoans throughout the project's lifespan. The business expects to employ up to 600 people and pay \$34 million in wages annually just for construction. With the Stibnite Gold Project, Perpetua Resources intends to make a total investment of more than \$1 billion in Idaho.

Perpetua Resources has also shown that they will be excellent stewards of our lands by giving restoration and mitigation of harm brought on by prior projects a high priority. Thanks to Perpetua's willingness to invest more than 6 years of research and planning to address issues not of their own making, the Payette National Forest and surrounding communities now have a solution. The proposed plan submitted to the U.S. Forest Service is the most advantageous choice in terms of the community, the environment, and economic viability. I commend the company for its unwavering efforts to enhance and restore Stibnite, Idaho's natural beauty.

I strongly urge the U.S. Forest Service to accept this project and proceed with the 2021 MMP.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sage Dixon".

Rep. Sage Dixon – District 1 B