



Idaho House of Representatives

700 W Jefferson Street
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0038

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

Payette National Forest,

After reviewing Perpetua Resources Idaho's modified mine plan put forth in the supplemental environmental impact statement, I ask that the United States Forest Service permit the 2021 Modified Mine Plan. The USFS has thoroughly reviewed the project and the NEPA Process has done its job to create a project that we can all be proud of.

As a small business owner myself, I commend Perpetua Resources for their commitment to hire locally and use local vendors wherever possible. It is this type of commitment that helps uplift all Idahoans.

An independent economic study predicted that the Company will provide 500 direct and 500 indirect jobs, with salaries almost double the average salary in Valley County. Moreover, the project is expected to contribute \$86 million in local and state taxes, \$232 million in annual expenditures, and \$298 million in annual sales transactions in Idaho.

The Stibnite Gold Project provides a unique opportunity for a private entity to restore a site abandoned after 100 years of mining. The greatest threat to Stibnite is no action. Today, no one is legally responsible for restoring Stibnite. Without Perpetua's proposed Stibnite project, the site might never be restored.

Whereas Perpetua Resources has committed to restoring Stibnite as close to natural conditions as possible, which goes far beyond the reclamation measures required by law. As a testament to this commitment, in 2021 the Company signed an agreement with the EPA and other federal agencies to begin early cleanup activities at Stibnite. And before even one ounce of gold had been poured, these activities began this summer.

It is clear to me that this project is a win-win for our economy and our environment. I urge the United States Forest Service to continue advancing this project through the permitting process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Mitchell", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rep. Brandon Mitchell (District 6B)