



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

RE: Support the Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project

Dear Ms. Linda Jackson and Staff,

I am writing today to voice my strong support for Perpetua Resources Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. As an Idaho State Representative, I recognize how this project will help to improve the state's economy and bolster the local community.

The environmental legacies left behind from previous mining projects in the Stibnite Mining District present an expensive burden for any state or city to take on alone. Perpetua Resources, however, is the only entity dedicated to restoring this land, including the damage from previous mining projects they were never involved in. Perpetua has designed a plan that will restore salmon and steelhead fish passages with a sharp focus on improving their spawning habitat, to ensure a robust fish population for years to come. As an avid fly fisherman, who routinely fishes in that area of the state, this is of utmost importance to me.

Once operational, the Stibnite Gold Project would be the only mined source of antimony in the United States. The US government has declared antimony one of fifty minerals critical to our economy and our national security. Antimony made this list because of its defense, technology and energy applications including ammunition, both lead-acid and renewable energy batteries, semiconductors, and flame retardants. And because over 75% of the global antimony supply is controlled by Russia and China.

The Stibnite Gold Project also represents a \$1 billion dollar investment in our state's economy and people. The impacts will reach all Idahoans, increasing employment, and providing an influx of tax revenue. Perpetua is committed to hiring and training Idahoans throughout all stages of the project, generating state and local tax revenues estimated at over \$150 million. As a father of two, I understand our education system needs improvement and can see that this type of investment in Idaho will help contribute to a brighter future for our children.

Perpetua has shown their support for local education in a number of ways, including volunteering in classrooms, supporting the Idaho STEM Action Center, providing over \$50,000 in scholarships for local students and by spending over \$115,000 to provide annual back to school supplies, classroom upgrades, and STEM education opportunities.

I urge you to choose the Modified Mine plan as proposed in the supplemental environmental impact statement and to allow the Stibnite Gold Project to commence to the benefit of the Gem State.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brent Crane".

Rep. Brent Crane