



Idaho House of Representatives State of Idaho

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,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment my support for the 2021 modified mine plan in Perpetua Resources Idaho's Supplemental Draft EIS. The United States Forest Service (USFS) has thoroughly reviewed all aspects of the project and the NEPA process has done its job.

Perpetua's modified mine plan is a great example of how years of scientific analysis, community and stakeholder feedback, and environmental review can create a mine plan that benefits all stakeholders.

The Stibnite Gold Project provides a unique opportunity for a private entity to restore a site abandoned after 100 years of mining. Today, no one is legally responsible for restoring Stibnite. Therefore, the greatest threat to native fish populations and the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salom River is doing nothing.

Perpetua Resources has committed to restoring Stibnite as close to natural conditions as possible, which goes far beyond the reclamation measures required by law. They will reconnect chinook salmon, bull trout and steelhead with over 20 miles of habitat that has been inaccessible for over 80 years in the first few years of construction. And the Supplemental EIS supports the company's prediction that this project will have a positive impact on fish populations. The document says that "The restoration activities, particularly providing volitional passage in the East Fork SFSR, would result in a major, permanent, regional, and beneficial effect on Chinook salmon, steelhead, bull trout, and westslope cutthroat trout within the vicinity of the mine." (Chapter 4.12.2.2 2021 MMP; p.4-334)

The company will also pick up, reprocess and safely store over 10.5 million tons of legacy mine waste and store it inside of a double lined and capped facility to prevent it from interacting with both ground and surface water like it does today.

As a testament to their commitment to restoring the site, in 2021, the Company signed an agreement with the EPA and other federal agencies to begin early cleanup activities at Stibnite. And these activities began this summer. The company diverted 2 waterways away from contaminated materials and next summer they will begin picking up and storing 325,000 tons of legacy materials.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brooke Green".

Rep. Brooke Green
Idaho House of Representatives – District 18