



Idaho State Senate 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: Approval of SDEIS for Stibnite Gold Project

Dear Permitting Officials,

Thank you for considering my letter of support for the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Perpetua Resources, headquartered in Boise. The Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Stibnite Gold outlines the necessary reclamation steps in store for this site, as well as the vast economic and national security benefits Perpetua has to offer.

With USFS approval of the SDEIS for Stibnite Gold, Perpetua would be able to:

- Build on its nearly \$300 million in local expenditures on the project. Last year alone, Perpetua contributed almost \$10 million.
- Invest more than \$1 billion into the project
- Mine the only identified reserve of antimony in the US. This critical mineral, used in ammunition manufacturing, will be essential for our national defense.
- Establish domestic production of antimony. Currently, 90-percent of antimony is sourced from China, Russia, and Tajikistan. Stibnite Gold would reduce our reliance on imports.

Therefore, I strongly request the USFS move this project closer to reality and approve the SDEIS for Stibnite Gold.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Cook".

Kevin Cook
Idaho State Senate, District 30