



## Idaho State Senate

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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

Greetings Ms. Jackson and Staff,

Please move forward with Modified Mine Plan (MMP) as part of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua Resources has offered a project that the State of Idaho needs. They've already committed and spent more than \$300 million dollars in our communities, with millions more on the way. It is estimated that the company will spend roughly \$1 billion to construct the mine. Private investment and environmental reclamation will do significant things for us all.

There are several key components to this important project, following are just a few:

- Domestic source of antimony, this reserve could satisfy about 35% of overall commercial demand in the US for antimony and all Department of Defense demand
- 500-600 direct jobs
- \$232 million in average annual expenditures
- Stibnite Gold Project will leave water quality considerably better than it is today
- Open 21 miles of perennial habitat that is inaccessible today
- Leave 63% more wetland acres

As a result, I am requesting that the U.S. Forest Service move forward with this important project. Plenty of time and resources have been put into this effort and it is time to begin mining it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sen. Tammy Nichols".

Sen. Tammy Nichols  
Idaho State Senate, District 10