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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
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Supervisor Ms. Jackson,

It is imperative that I work to support initiatives that will benefit Idaho and its citizens in my capacity as a state senator. In a historically significant area of the state, Perpetua Resources has proposed a project that will provide both financial rewards and environmental reclamation.

Numerous local economies in Idaho will experience significant growth thanks to the Stibnite Gold Project. Between 500 and 600 people will be employed by Perpetua Resources during the project's construction phase, providing high-skilled and lucrative job opportunities for Idahoans from all over the state. Increased activity and employment at this company will also result in higher tax receipts that will go straight to these communities. In fact, Highland Economics, an independent economic consulting firm that studied the project, predicts that over its 20-year lifespan, income tax revenues will total close to \$450 million. The Stibnite Gold Project needs to be approved and moved forward due to these significant economic effects and the advantages of the proposed reclamation.

According to the project proposal, Perpetua Resources has given environmental stewardship a lot of consideration. Previous mining operations in this area were subject to less strict regulations, which resulted in an unfavorable impact on the environment. But this project will use private funding to repair environmental damage from the past. The Burntlog Route, which Perpetua has committed to implementing as part of the Modified Mine Plan (MMP), will improve water quality, eliminate the need for ongoing water treatment, and provide the community and the environment with the safest possible transportation option.

Please approve Perpetua Resources Preferred Alternative in the 2021 Modified Mining Plan for the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

With appreciation,

Sen. Todd Lakey