



**Idaho State Legislature**  
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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: Approve the Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project**

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am constantly looking for opportunities that will benefit Idaho because I am a sixth generation Idahoan and the representative of the 31st Legislative district. I would like to express my support for the proper permitting of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The economic development of Idaho will be aided by this project, which will also aid in rehabilitating the neglected environment and habitat in the historic Stibnite mining district.

Therefore, the SDEIS improvements will provide:

- A 13% reduction in the project footprint from the original design.
- Water temperature reduced by 7-degree Fahrenheit to get to baseline conditions or below.
- Water treatment is no longer needed permanently.
- Reduces mined material by 10% (44 million tons).
- Reduces the size of the Hangar Flats pit by 70% and completely backfills this pit.
- Eliminates waste rock storage areas (168 acres).
- Adds extra geosynthetic covers to protect long-term water quality.
- Develops additional habitat features to replace bull trout habitat.
- Increases riparian vegetation and low flow channels to lower stream water temperatures.

The Stibnite Gold Project will have a significant economic impact on Idaho. Perpetua has pledged to hire locally and buy locally whenever possible. Perpetua estimates that over the course of the project's anticipated 20-year lifespan, the Stibnite Gold Project will contribute \$1 billion to the state's economy and incur average costs of \$232 million. Perpetua intends to employ more than 500 people in the state for the project's operations phase, many of whom will be from Valley and Adams Counties.

For these reasons I urge the U.S. Forest Service to grant the Stibnite Gold Project a permit and to proceed with this project as soon as possible. I'm sure it's the best course of action for Idaho.

Thank you,

Rep. Rod Furniss – District 31 B