



Idaho House of Representatives 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: Approve Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project and the Modified Mine Plan

Dear Forest Service staff,

I value the opportunity to offer my support for Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. This project has been a long time coming and I have appreciated the opportunity to learn about it over the years, watch as things progressed and support it when the opportunity has presented itself. As you work through the NEPA process and the supplemental draft environmental impact statement, please do so knowing my full support. Perpetua is a great community partner, and we should make it a priority to let them do some good work.

My roots run deep in Idaho, with my family living in our great state since the 1880s. I run a family business, operating a ranch in the Magic Valley. Simply put, natural resources are the backbone of this state's economy. Farming, ranching, logging and mining have been extremely important and right now more than ever we need companies like Perpetua who has antimony, a critical mineral. Antimony is used in the primers of all military munitions and this project would be the United States only domestic source. With the world the way it is right now, we need to rely on our resources and not the resources in China and Russia, who along with Tajikistan control roughly 90% of the global supply of antimony.

Furthermore, it's becoming rare for people and companies to take responsibility and that's why it is refreshing to hear how Perpetua operates. Even before operating, they have started to do cleanup work at the site. This will only improve greatly once operations begin. That kind of effort and foresight matters in Idaho, where there's a growing competition over our natural resources.

The Stibnite Gold Project is a win-win situation. Please accept the preferred alternative, the 2021 modified mine plan as it is the right thing for Idaho.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Miller".

Steve Miller

District 24 – Idaho State House of Representatives