



## Idaho House of Representatives

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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: Idaho Needs the Stibnite Gold Project**

To USFS Project Manager,

I am writing to you today to voice my strong support for Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project as our national defense depends on it. This is very important to me as a former Naval fighter pilot and newly elected member of the Idaho House of Representatives.

Antimony is a critical mineral needed for primers in hundreds of munition types required by the U.S. Military. Currently the United States is relying on China, Russia and Tajikistan who control 90% of the global supply as we do not have a domestically mined source. This makes the United States extremely vulnerable. The Stibnite project has a large antimony resource, 148 million pounds. When mined, this resource could satisfy about 35% of overall commercial demand in the U.S. and for antimony and all Department of Defense demand. This is crucial and timely.

Aside from the antimony aspect of this project there are many other reasons to move forward. The economic boon to Valley County will be immense, the jobs created for Idaho families impactful and not to mention the environmental cleanup work the company has already begun working on. This is a great project that has been well reviewed. I strongly encourage you to move forward as quickly as possible with the 2021 modified mine plan as part of the supplemental draft environmental impact statement.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ted Hill".

Rep. Ted Hill  
Idaho State Representative, District 14 Seat A