



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: Approve the Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project

Dear Ms. Jackson,

In this letter, I ask your prompt support for Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. Following a review of the US Forest Service's Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS), it is clear that this project provides Idaho with an exceptional opportunity to provide for our communities and prioritize our people through targeted education, employment, and training opportunities.

As a representative of our wonderful state, it is my mission to capitalize on Idaho's inherent advantages. People are one of our greatest assets. The willingness of Perpetua Resources to grant neighborhood communities a well-earned seat at the project development table inspires me. Perpetua Resources has created a Community Agreement program to give locals an equal say in its design because it recognizes that a project of this scale will have a significant impact on our state.

However, Idahoans must persist in identifying additional chances that let our kids and teens capitalize on their own assets. For me, the most effective way to achieve this is through economic and educational engagement, which is absolutely necessary to raise the next generation of Idahoans. Perpetua Resources has made a commitment to employing locals and assisting Idahoans with training opportunities by collaborating directly with neighborhood schools and colleges. Furthermore, a Highland Economics independent economic study revealed that the property taxes generated by this project alone could bring in up to \$300,000 for the local communities.

Moreover, Perpetua Resources will support employment and training opportunities for Idahoans throughout the project's lifespan by collaborating closely with local schools, community colleges, and the Idaho Department of Labor. The company expects to hire up to 600 people and pay \$34 million in wages per year just for construction. Perpetua Resources intends to invest more than \$1 billion in Idaho with the Stibnite Gold Project.

For these reasons, I urge you to swiftly approve Perpetua Resources 2021 Modified Mine Plan that was identified as the Preferred Alternative in the Supplemental Draft Environment Impact Statement.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendy Horman".

Rep. Wendy Horman (District 32 B)

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