



## 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: Support the Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project**

Attention Ms. Jackson,

I am writing today in support of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project under consideration in the U.S. Forest Service's supplemental draft EIS. If approved, this project would have a profoundly positive impact on Idaho's economy and the environment.

Seeing this project move forward would result in an economic windfall for Idaho. Perpetua not only plans to hire upward of 1,000 workers, but the company has committed to look at the workforce here in Idaho to fill those jobs first. This would bring mining jobs back to Idaho and put unemployed people to work. Furthermore, this project is expected to result in a nearly \$1 billion investment. According to an independent analysis done by Highland Economics, the project would generate nearly \$151 million in tax revenue for the state. That money would go towards our schools, local governments, and even law enforcement.

In addition to the numerous economic reasons, I support this proposal because Perpetua Resources is bringing the only realistic and fully funded plan to rehabilitate the Stibnite site after years of neglect. Stibnite has been an abandoned eyesore that has wreaked havoc on the surrounding ecosystem, causing erosion and closing up fish passages in the Salmon River. Perpetua has pledged to clean up Stibnite and leave it in better condition than when they started. This project will help restore the site and the ecosystem and help bring the salmon back to the Salmon River.

And despite not making any money from the mineral resource yet, they've already started addressing water quality at Stibnite. This past summer, they began voluntary work to reroute waterways away from historic mine waste and next summer they will start picking up and storing over 300,000 tons of historic mine waste that poses a threat to the rivers that go through their project site. This kind of work shows that they are genuine in their commitment to make Stibnite better than it was when they found it.

It is my hope that we can responsibly move forward with Perpetua Resources Idaho's Stibnite God Project. Therefore, please permit their 2021 Modified mine plan as laid out in the Supplemental. This is the right choice for our state, our environment and our people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J Monks", enclosed in a blue oval.

Rep. Jason Monks