



Idaho House of Representatives

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December 2, 2022

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street, Building 2
McCall, ID 83638

Re: Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project Should Move Forward

Attention Ms. Jackson and USFS Staff,

As a 6th generation Idahoan and newly elected representative, I am an active supporter of opportunities that benefit this great state and the people who call it home. Upon researching Perpetua Resources proposed Stibnite Gold Project in Valley County, I am pleased to write to urge you to approve the modified mine plan and allow this mining project to continue to move forward.

One of the first jobs I held in my youth was at my neighbor's potato farm. It was there I learned the value of small businesses in our community. This is a very large project but will be an economic boon for other area businesses both large and small. Further the company will be employing roughly 500-600 people directly. This along with using local Idaho businesses is huge for our state.

After a thorough process the preferred alternative supports Perpetua Resources plan to use the Burntlog Route to access the site. This approach is the correct way as the new route into Stibnite is much safer and reduces risks of exposure to avalanche and slide paths. Also, it does not parallel major water ways and reduces company interaction with residential and recreational travelers.

I ask the USFS to move forward with the Stibnite Gold Project to continue to bring about revenue, opportunity, and support to the state of Idaho and its residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Ehlers", written over a horizontal line.

Rep. Jeff Ehlers
Idaho State House of Representatives, District 21