



Idaho House of Representatives State of Idaho

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

RE: Support Stibnite Gold, Approve the SDEIS

Ms. Jackson,

During my previous years in the Idaho State Legislature and now as a Representative for Legislative District 31, it is my duty to ensure Idahoans have opportunities to succeed. That's why I believe it's imperative for the U.S. Forest Service to swiftly approve the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. It offers economic and environmental impacts for the Gem State that are hard to overlook.

As a father of six, grandfather of 24, I know how important it is for Idaho kids to get a fulfilling education and, ultimately, an Idaho job. Taxes generated by work on Stibnite Gold will fund local infrastructure, such as schools, that will provide our children with the necessary tools to succeed. Additionally, the project will provide roughly 500-600 jobs and infuse approximately \$232 million in annual expenditures.

Furthermore, Perpetua is committed to correcting the past mistakes and damage from previous mining. Right now, lands suffer from accelerated erosion, deforestation, and blocked waterways. Restoration of these lands and waterways is costly and requires private investment, which is one of the commitments from Perpetua in the SDEIS. Perpetua promises to clear up waterways and focus on the spawning habitats of several fish species, which will provide a fruitful habitat for these fish for years to come.

The Stibnite Gold Project is a win-win situation that the U.S. Forest Service ought to move along the permitting process by approving the SDEIS.

Sincerely,

Jerald Raymond
Idaho State Representative
District 31, Seat A