



Idaho House of Representatives State of Idaho

November 30, 2022

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

RE: Perpetua Resources/Stibnite Gold Supplemental Draft EIS

Ms. Jackson,

I am writing to ask that you allow the Stibnite Gold Project to be permitted in a timely manner. The Supplemental Draft EIS submitted by Perpetua Resources includes impressive potential for the site, as well as a robust reclamation plan for the previously abandoned mine site.

With my time as a member of the House Committee on Revenue & Taxation, Perpetua's plan for a \$1 billion investment on this project is something we must not ignore. That massive commitment to the community of Valley County would result in a sizeable tax contribution to fund local infrastructure projects. More importantly, Perpetua's commitment to hiring local workers/contractors would put people on the job.

Furthermore, the antimony reserves in the Stibnite Gold site is essential for America's national defense capabilities. Currently, 90% of the global antimony supply is sourced from Russia, China, and Tajikistan. With antimony used to manufacture ammunition for the US military, I believe it's imperative to locally source this critical resource. With Idaho having the only identified reserve of antimony in the US, it's time to act.

Therefore, I am asking the U.S. Forest Service to approve the Supplemental Draft EIS for the Stibnite Gold Project.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon O. Weber".

Representative Jon O. Weber
District 34, Idaho House of Representatives