



## 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**

Ms. Jackson,

Thank you for the chance to review the supplemental draft EIS. 75 days is more than enough time to adequately review the streamlined SDEIS. And an extension would be unnecessary. The Stibnite mine plan has been thoroughly reviewed over the last 6 years, and this analysis has resulted in a plan that is best for Idaho.

As a Representative for District 11 and an educator, it has been encouraging to see Perpetua's investment in their local communities and school systems. To date, the company has spent over \$115,000 supporting school programs and opportunities such as back to school supplies and STEM education opportunities. And they have also donated over \$50,000 in scholarships to local students to advance their higher education.

The Stibnite Gold Project (SGP) is anticipated to bring almost a thousand jobs to rural central Idaho, with an average salary nearly double that of the county average. The SGP will provide the opportunity for current and future generations of Valley County residents to find well-paying jobs upon graduation in their community; reducing the need for them to move elsewhere in order to provide for their families.

Beyond the educational and economic benefits of the SGP, Stibnite has been abandoned after 100 years of mining. Today, the historic mine site is plagued by legacy mine waste and features. Such as the Yellow Pine pit lake which blocks native fish species from accessing over 25 miles of habitat. Or the 10.5 million tons of spent ore and mine waste that lays unconstrained on the valley floor.

No one is responsible for restoring Stibnite. Without Perpetua's investment at Stibnite, the site may never be restored to its natural glory. Perpetua's modified mine plan is the best, and frankly the only, solution for restoring the site. And it will truly be a boon for Idaho.

I urge you to please permit the project in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie K. Yamamoto".

Rep. Julie Yamamoto  
District 11A