



## Idaho House of Representatives State of Idaho

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**

Dear Ms. Jackson,

As an Idaho Representative and recently as Chair of the House Education Committee it is my responsibility to ensure Idahoans have ample economic opportunities and the chance to prosper here at home. I write today in support of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. This project will be a boon for our state's economy and will bring positive change to citizens statewide.

The Stibnite Gold Project will be a \$1 billion investment in Idaho, bringing in tax revenues, jobs, and environmental restoration Idaho needs. Perpetua is committed to not only hiring directly from local communities but is anticipating paying their employees nearly double the average salary in industries common in Valley County. Considering Idaho ranks among the lowest in the county for per capita income and wages, this project will offer an opportunity for Idahoans to prosper from our natural resources, while also repairing the environment.

Over the duration of the Stibnite Gold Project, an independent economic analysis estimates that the project would generate over \$150 million in state and local tax revenues. Local communities' schools and emergency services would see \$300K annually from property taxes alone. Means to support our schools will provide our children with a better education helping to stabilize the future of Idaho. And Perpetua has already shown their commitment to support local students and to help provide additional education opportunities. The company has provided numerous STEM education opportunities, provided annual donations to after school programs, donates back to school supplies on an annual basis, has helped fund classroom updates, and has also awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships to local graduating seniors looking to further their education – whether that be at a traditional university or college, a trade school or an apprenticeship.

The Stibnite Gold Project is a way for Idaho to improve our environment and economy and should not be passed up. I am glad the USFS designated Perpetua's Modified Mine Plan as the preferred alternative and I hope that the agency will allow the Stibnite Gold Project to commence as soon as possible.

Most respectfully,

Representative Lance Clow, District 25