

I am pleased to support the plan put forward by Perpetua Resources for the Stibnite Gold Project. As with so many old mining operations in the western US, the environmental damage done to the landscape and the ecosystems at the Stibnite site has gone unaddressed for too long. With this plan, there is a way forward to mitigate and restore (as best as can be) the mountain, valley, and stream habitats in that region. As a geoscience researcher who also has two degrees in economics, I understand well the difficulties of dealing with externalities that arise from resource extraction, but feel that the Perpetua plan is much more sound than the status quo, the latter of which is unsustainable.

I encourage final approval.

David Wilkins