



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, Building 2
McCall, ID 83638**

Linda Jackson,

As a native Idahoan, I know firsthand what the Gem State's beautifully abundant land has provided us with the incredibly beneficial opportunity that we have today. Perpetua Resources has become a valuable economic asset and Gem State community member. As a newly elected member of the Idaho House of Representatives, I write to urge the US Forest Service to support the preferred alternative, the modified mine plan as part of the supplemental draft EIS.

The Gem State is one of the most abundantly rich states in natural mineral resources in the United States. The Stibnite Gold Project has a very solid gold resource and just as important, 148-million-pounds of antimony, a critical mineral. Once approved and after a billion-dollar investment to construct the mine, Perpetua Resources will be able to provide between 500-600 new quality jobs to Idahoans, thereby assisting in the retention of a skilled workforce that is aptly compensated. Furthermore, Perpetua is a part of the community because they hire locally and support Idaho businesses by sourcing contractors, materials, services, and supplies from local providers.

For these reasons, among the others you're likely reviewing, I encourage the United States Forest Service to support Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project.

Most Respectfully,

Rep. Chris Allgood