



## Idaho House of Representatives

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*US Forest Service, Payette National Forest  
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### **RE: Stibnite Gold Project Supplemental Draft EIS**

Ms. Linda Jackson & US Forest Service Staff,

I appreciate the opportunity to draft this letter of support for the Stibnite Gold Project submitted by Perpetua Resources. Approval of the Supplemental Draft EIS would greatly benefit the Gem State, which is why I request you move Stibnite Gold along in the permitting process.

In addition to my new role as a Representative for District 32, I also serve as the State Director of the Idaho Farm Bureau. What I hear from farmers across our state are concerns of economic instability, especially given Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It's raising prices on many products, but also raising questions about our national security. Permitting Stibnite Gold would allow Perpetua the ability to locally source antimony, which is a key component of ammunition used by the US military. Currently, Russia, China, and Tajikistan account for 90-percent of the global antimony supply, so approval of Stibnite would bolster our national security.

Furthermore, I admire Perpetua's commitment to the Valley County community. By repurposing, restoring and, ultimately, reclaiming an abandoned mine sit, Perpetua will provide an economic boost to the area and serve as a beacon for responsible mining. The company has signaled a \$1 billion dollar investment in the community, which is accompanied by a highly robust plan for repairs to the site and surrounding habitat.

Please consider these points and approve the SDEIS for the Stibnite Gold Project.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephanie Jo Mickelsen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rep. Stephanie Jo Mickelsen  
District 32, A