



## Idaho State Senate

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December 1, 2022

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 & USFS Staff,

Please approve the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project.

As a small business owner, I admire Perpetua's commitment to the community. The company has spent nearly \$300 million total, with nearly \$10 million spent in Idaho over the past year. With approval, Perpetua is planning on an investment of \$1 billion for the Stibnite Gold Project. That would include an average of \$232 million and 500-600 direct jobs.

Moreover, the need for this project is critical, as it would result in the only American-mined source of antimony. Not only would this bolster the transition to clean energy, through its use in long duration storage batteries and semiconductors, but it would provide a great asset to our US military. Antimony is essential to the primers in hundreds of munition types, which are currently obtained through foreign imports. Given 90-percent of the world's antimony is currently mined in China, Russia, and Tajikistan, I strongly believe it's time to act on the Stibnite Gold Project.

Thus, I encourage the US Forest Service to approve the SDEIS for the Stibnite Gold Project and allow Perpetua to domestically source the critical resource of antimony in Idaho.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Ricks", written over a blue horizontal line.

Sen. Doug Ricks  
Idaho State Senate, District 34