## **Idaho State Senate**

PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720

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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor 500 North Mission Street McCall, ID 83638

Dear Ms. Jackson,

As a first-term Senator for the 13<sup>th</sup> District of Idaho, I plan to fight for Idaho's economic prosperity. While outside of my constituency, the Stibnite Gold Project submitted by Perpetua Resources is a perfect example of good business in Idaho and the Forest Service ought to let this project proceed.

If the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement is approved, Perpetua Resources would be able to:

Stimulate the economy with a \$1 billion investment. Last year alone, Perpetua spent nearly \$10 million in Idaho related to Stibnite.

Provide roughly 600 high-paying jobs to people in rural Idaho.

Domestically mine antimony. Right now, Idaho is sitting on the only domestic reserve of this critical resource, which is used to produce US military ammunition, semiconductors, and long duration storage batteries.

Perpetua's SDEIS shows that it is capable of doing business the right way. We need to ensure if these types of businesses are interested in bringing their business to Idaho, they shouldn't be bogged down by bureaucratic red tape.

Idaho has a lot to gain from Stibnite Gold and I request the Forest Service accept the SDEIS for this project.

Sincerely,

Brian Lenney

Idaho State Senator, District 13