

I wish to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project being proposed by Perpetual Resources as described in the recently released SDEIS report. In the past, I have been involved with investigations pertaining to the heavy metal loading of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and issues relating to historic tailings at the Stibnite mine.

I feel the information presented in the SDEIS plan supported by the USFS as the preferred alternative will result in a positive outcome in reduction of the heavy metal loading. It also speaks to the environmental issues resulting from historic mining activities. The proposed plan will not only result in improving salmon habitat below the mine operation due to reduction of heavy metal and sediment loading; but retaining and improving the habitat in the existing water way and Yellow Pine Pit. The plan will also address a passage above the Yellow Pine Pit which has been a barrier for salmon to travel to their native habitat at the headwaters of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. Other benefits in the proposed plan include re-aligning roads to reduce impact on the existing water ways and added vegetation along streams and water ways to help reduce stream temperature issues.

Along with the environmental and the salmon recovery issues, our Nation is facing a critical minerals shortage. I feel strongly the 2021 modified mine plan favored by both Perpetula Resources and the U S Forest Service can be a show case for the Nation. By working together, it could feasibly address serious issues facing the region, the State of Idaho, and the Nation. I thank you for your interest and consideration.

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