

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair. Today, fish cannot swim past the Yellow Pine pit and heavy metals are leaching into the ground and surface water. The Stibnite Gold Project can leave the conditions better than they are today.

There are many reasons to support Perpetua Resources improved mine plan. However, this lined in the SDEIS stood out to me: "The restoration activities, particularly providing volitional passage in the East Fork SFSR, would result in a major, permanent, regional, and beneficial effect on Chinook salmon, steelhead, bull trout, and westslope cutthroat trout within the vicinity of mine." Reviewing the SDEIS makes me confident Perpetua can make it good on its promise and show all of us how mining and the environment can work hand in hand.

Let Idahoans see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project. The USFS has reviewing the project for the last six years. During this time, the company has reduced the project size by 13% in the SDEIS, decreased maximum water temperature to keep it at or below baseline conditions and eliminated the need for long-term water treatment. The review process is working and now we need regulators to advance the project as expeditiously as possible.

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