

Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts on the SDEIS. This project is important to me because it can provide America with a domestically mined source of antimony and restore an abandoned mine site in need of repair.

The EIS document estimates that the project will generate \$29.4 million in taxes annually and create thousands of jobs for Idahoans and nationwide. I reviewed section 21 which summarizes the beneficial economic impacts from the project. The 2,690 jobs created by the mine during operations annually, and almost 5,000 jobs created during construction, would be a huge benefit to the local and state economies. Moreover, these would be high paying jobs offering good benefits and supporting workers families. This is exactly the kind of economic incentive that is needed in rural Idaho. The McCall area can't make it on tourism alone.

As the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies review the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and determine the course of action, I encourage you to consider the positive benefits Perpetua Resources will have on Idaho, especially now that the company has reduced its environmental footprint and made further improvements to water quality. This truly is a win-win opportunity for Idahoans and the environment. After years of careful scrutiny by regulators and the community, it is time for us to make these benefits a reality.

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