

I am proud to welcome Perpetua Resources into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. The project will produce America's only source of antimony, a mineral our national security and clean energy future depends upon, and leave the site in better condition than it is today. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

I've read the economic impacts section of the SDEIS, which estimates that the full compensation for Stibnite Gold Mine jobs would be \$67700/year and \$96600/year after accounting for health and employee benefits. The document says that this is about the same as the area's prevailing Davis Bacon rates of \$20-30/hour. You don't need to be good at math to see that the Stibnite Gold Mine jobs are going to pay a lot more than a Davis Bacon job – even \$30/hour is less than \$67k/year. Add in \$30000 in annual benefits and these are excellent jobs, the kind much needed for local workers to support local families, especially given inflation.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward. The permitting process is designed to advance the best plans possible. I believe the work of regulators over the past six years is proof this is what is happening with the Stibnite Gold Project. The thorough review process has been beneficial but there should be no more delays. The project should move forward in a timely manner.

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