

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. The project will help restore the site, secure the minerals we need for our national security and strengthen America's supply chains. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of the National Environmental Policy Act.

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.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. It has been in regulatory review for the past six years. During this time, public comments and scientific analysis has helped to improve the plan. But now it is time to move it forward. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan presented by Perpetua Resources in the SDEIS, as expeditiously as possible.

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