

I have been closely following Perpetua Resources' plans for several years. The Stibnite Gold Project presents an opportunity to restore an abandoned mine site and provide our nation with the critical minerals we need. I am grateful for the opportunity to comment on their SDEIS.

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.

The Stibnite Gold Project has been under federal review for the last six years. That has given regulators and the public plenty of time to review the company's plan. I know this project will transform an area in need of environmental repair and secure a domestic supply of antimony. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward.

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