

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the NEPA Comment Period. I have been closely following Perpetua Resources' plans since they first came into our state, in large part because some of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities. The Stibnite Gold Project could help us restore an abandoned mine site.

Regulators named Perpetua Resources' improved plan as its preferred alternative because the company proved it could mine safely while minimizing its impacts to the environment and community. Perpetua Resources will be transporting hazardous materials to and from the site, which is why I am grateful the USFS recognizes Burntlog Road is a safer option because it minimizes river crosses and rarely parallels waterways. As long as there is activity at the site, there will always be the possibility a spill could occur. However, the SDEIS concluded the duration of any single incident involving hazardous materials would only last hours or days and would likely be readily cleaned up and contained without any release to the environment. The SDEIS shows me Perpetua really can leave the site better than they found it.

Perpetua Resources wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. After reviewing the project for six years, I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the project forward with the improvements laid out in the SDEIS.

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