



Idaho House of Representatives

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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street, Building 2
McCall, ID 83638

RE: Support the Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project

Attention Ms. Jackson,

I'm writing to express my enthusiastic support for Perpetua Resources Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. As a newly elected Idaho State Representative for Legislative District 4, I recognize how this project will help to improve the state's economy and strengthen the local community.

The Stibnite Gold Project is a \$1 billion investment in the economy and people of our state. The effects will be felt by all Idahoans, increasing employment, and bringing in new tax revenue. Perpetua is committed to hiring and training Idahoans at all stages of the project, which is expected to generate more than \$150 million in state and local tax revenue. As a mother of four, I recognize the need for improvement in our education system and believe that this type of investment in Idaho will contribute to a brighter future for our children.

Perpetua has demonstrated its commitment to local education by volunteering in classrooms, supporting the Idaho STEM Action Center, providing over \$50,000 in scholarships to local students, and spending over \$115,000 on annual back-to-school supplies, classroom upgrades, and STEM education opportunities.

The Stibnite Gold Project, once approved, would be the only mined source of antimony in the United States. The US government has designated antimony as one of fifty critical minerals to our economy and national security. Antimony was included on this list due to its use in defense, technology, and energy applications such as ammunition, lead-acid and renewable energy batteries, semiconductors, and flame retardants. Furthermore, Russia and China control over 75% of the global antimony supply.

Idaho stands to benefit greatly from Stibnite Gold, and I respectfully request that the Forest Service accept the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for this project.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine Price".

Rep. Elaine Price

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