



Idaho State Senate

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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street, Building 2
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RE: Support the Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project

Attention Ms. Jackson and Staff,

I am writing to express my support for Perpetua Resources and its Stibnite Gold Project. In addition to creating jobs, this project would give the US access to a domestic source of the important mineral, antimony.

A \$1 billion investment in the people and economy of our state is represented by the Stibnite Gold Project. All residents of Idaho will be affected, which will result in more jobs and an increase in tax revenue. In order to generate over \$150 million in state and local tax revenues, Perpetua is dedicated to employing and training 500-600 Idahoans. Furthermore, the company has indicated a robust reclamation plan to leave the area in better condition once mining operations are completed.

The Stibnite Gold Project will be the only mined source of antimony in the US once it is operational. Antimony is one of fifty minerals designated as critical for our economy and national security according to the US government. Due to its use in defense, technology, and energy applications such as ammunition, lead-acid and renewable energy batteries, semiconductors, and flame retardants, antimony was included on this list.

As a result, I am requesting that the US Forest Service approve the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Stibnite Gold Project.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C-1/B-1".

Senator Carl Bjerke (Idaho State Senate, District 5)