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

Ms. Jackson,

The U.S. Forest Service has released its Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Stibnite Gold Project submitted by Perpetua Resources. I am writing to express my steadfast support for this project and I thank the USFS for the exhaustive work it has done on a project that has been 12 years in the making.

Previous activity left behind considerable damage to in the Stibnite area. Erosion has accelerated dramatically damaging water quality and blocked waterways have depleted salmon and steelhead populations. Restoring our lands is an expensive task that requires private investment. Perpetua has shown it is committed to providing that investment at no cost to the taxpayers.

Perpetua is also committed to hiring and training Idahoans for the duration of the project. Moreover, their work on this project comes at a time when we need to bolster our national security. Stibnite is the only identified reserve of antimony in the United States, with 90% of the global supply sourced from China, Russia, and Tajikistan. Antimony is used to manufacture ammunition for the US military, and it only makes sense we build up our domestic supply, rather than purchasing them from nations we are constantly at odds with.

Thus, I ask the USFS to approve the SDEIS for the Stibnite Gold Project submitted by Perpetua Resources.

Sincerely,

Jacyn Gallagher District 9, Idaho State House of Representatives