

City of Donnelly

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Dear Ms. Jackson

The Donnelly City Council and I want you to know that we support the Stibnite Gold Project and Perpetua Resources's efforts to restore the old Stibnite mining area and mine gold and antimony. We want you to know we support the Forest Services' Modified Mine Plan with Burntlog access.

We are a small community that is proud to host Perpetua Resources. We believe Perpetuas' approach to the Stibnite Gold Project is a standard for other large businesses to use as they communicate with their community. Of special note, we find the Stibnite Advisory Council (SAC) a resource that suits our needs. Over the last couple of years, SAC wanted to provide a third party's perspective of the water conditions at Stibnite and they partnered with the University of Idaho's IWRRI to validate what Perpetua was sharing about water conditions on site and Perpetua paid for those samplings. In addition, the environmental working group asked for a third party review of the TSF and again Perpetua agreed. This year SAC also spoke with leadership in communities to prioritize some areas of concern in order to address those concerns over the coming year. Simply stated, Perpetua Resources has been a valued partner and we look forward to a long and prosperous relationship.

We support MMP with Burntlog access route. With the MMP having all consolidated refinements in one document it better finalizes what the plan will look like moving forward. We feel the Burntlog route is best because it returns Johnson Creek to the Village of Yellow Pine residents and recreationalists after construction and keeps mine traffic away from the rivers and most of the avalanche areas.

As with many of the respondents to the SDEIS, we support the Stibnite Gold Project for multiple reasons but want to focus on two major points - the ecological considerations and the economy. However, we believe that Perpetua Resources's efforts to improve and begin cleaning up the mess that exists at Stibnite now is important to highlight. Its restorations efforts will enhance the quality of water and improve the area from a conservationist's perspective. Even The Star News has mentioned the potential for improved water quality.

Environmental Ecology and Conservation

The MMP identifies significant water enhancements. An important point is that the MMP has specific actions that will improve the overall ecological standing and that has a trickle-down effect that will improve water quality. Also, the fish tunnel although not a water quality issue is an enhancement that will be beneficial for the EFSFSR Salmon spawning areas and the restoration of the river back over the Yellow Pine pit will also increase diversity of fish in the upper reaches.

Economic

Beyond the conservational enhancement, the economic improvements that Perpetua Resources will make available will be significantly important to Valley County. It is projected that Perpetua Resources will bring over 1,000 jobs throughout the life of the project. The trickle-down effect may include another 1,000 jobs. The importance of Perpetua's 1,000 jobs is huge. These will be well paying jobs providing salaries and benefits that will exceed \$80,000 per year. Perpetua is committing to conduct training that will help ensure the jobs will be available to local residents. Additionally, the impact to our tax base will further help our communities.

Both the environmental improvements and the enhanced economic opportunities are issues the residents of Donnelly have long awaited. The leadership and residents of Donnelly strongly support the Stibnite Gold Project for the two primary reasons provided. There are numerous other reasons, but our constituents believe these are the strongest reasons for our community.

With the project being under review for over six years now by all of our regulatory experts, it is time to let Perpetua get to work on this mine, please approve this project.

Respectfully,

Susan Dorris, Mayor