As a geologist in the mining industry working for both companies and consulting firms, I have had the opportunity to see many mining operations in the US and around the world.

The Stibnite Gold project has many similarities to a mining operation that I worked as both a consultant and eventually an employee. The mine is the Robinson Mine in Ely Nevada. This is a copper mine that was in closure and thought to be done. However it was brought back into production. One of the things that additional production caused was a clean-up of several environmental issues left by previous operators. The Robinson Mine was awarded best reclamation by the state of Nevada for 2 different projects. One of the Nevada regulators once mentioned that it looks like additional mining can help clean up old historic mining sites and additional mining will help the Stibnite Gold project area.

The Stibnite Gold project has a solid plan to clean up the environmental issues left by the historic mining. I am excited to hear their plans for the stream restoration and improve the water quality of the stream systems. The old timers just did not really understand how to keep the environment clean. They may has saw it happening but did not understand why. Now we have the ability to keep the environment clean.

During my consulting years, I witnessed many mining sites where the environment was destroyed by the mining operation. Mining for raw materials in the US is the right decision. The world needs antimony and I would rather it be mined here in the US where we can have solid environmental protections than overseas where the environment is normally the last thing anyone thinks of. I'm proud to be part of the US mining industry where we take care of the environment while extracting the needed raw materials. I believe Perpetua Resources can strike the balance of mining the materials we need safely, while also protecting and restoring the environment.

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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