

Davis Cattle Company, Inc.

"It's not a job; it's a way of life."



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Ms Linda Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the last several years, I've had the opportunity to hear a handful of presentations on the project, sit down with members of Perpetua Resources, and observe how the company has lived out its mission as it has grown. They have supported our schools, hospitals, and city parks. They volunteer their time at our community events and help with afterschool programming in our community. It is with this knowledge that I encourage you to move the project forward.

For Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project to move forward, the company must mitigate for any impacts the project will have on the environment. In the 2021 Modern Mining Plan of the SDEIS, the company outlined how it can leave water quality on the site better than it is today and provide fish with access to more habitat. I was pleased to learn that Perpetua Resources has also taken steps to protect air quality. According to analysis in the SDEIS, hazardous air pollutants were found to be well below major thresholds, and the Operations Area Boundary would not exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. To me, these facts from the SDEIS demonstrate that proper checks and balances are in place to protect the environment.

Perpetua Resources wants to help America secure a domestic supply of the critical mineral antimony and clean up a brownfield site. In fact, they have already made huge differences at Stibnite, cleaning up the mess left by previous operators and working with the EPA on the ASAOC work that started this summer. The NEPA process is working; they have been responsive to concerns by our environmental organizations and tribes and have made great improvements to the project from the original documents they submitted – this shows the permitting process has done its job. It is time to permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.

Sincerely,

Phil Davis, President