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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
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RE: Support the Preferred Alternative for Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project

Ms. Linda Jackson,

Projects that will help Idaho families and the state as a whole are very important to me as an Idaho state senator. After reading the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project from the U.S. Forest Service, I am convinced that this project would significantly boost our state's economy while restoring the environment and habitat of the Stibnite Mining District. In light of this, please take my endorsement of this project and my suggestion to make Perpetua's Modified Mine Plan (MMP) the Preferred Alternative.

The Preferred Alternative supports Perpetua Resources' proposal to access the site via Burntlog Route. This new approach to Stibnite is safer as it avoids major waterways, minimizes exposure to avalanches and slide paths, and avoids residential and recreational traffic. This includes 23 miles of upgrades to existing roads, 15 miles of new road 6 fewer stream crossings.

The Stibnite Gold Project will attract private investment to Idaho by using local suppliers to buy supplies and equipment and by employing hundreds of locals. The proposal from Perpetua Resources would create up to 600 new jobs during construction, according to an independent impact analysis of the project conducted by Highland Economics.

Jobs in the mining industry can be very lucrative, and since Idaho consistently ranks among the states with the lowest per capita income in the country, these positions are crucial. Idaho needs economic opportunities that can pay well and support a family.

The kind of project our state needs is the Stibnite Gold Project. The U.S. Forest Service is strongly urged to approve this project and proceed with the Preferred Alternative using the Burntlog route.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abby Lee".

Senator Abby Lee
Idaho State Senate, Legislative District 9