

I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. The project would finally address legacy mining issues that have been plaguing the site for decades and help secure the minerals we need for America's future. The company has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to adopt the proposed activities outlined in the company's 2021 Modified Mine Plan during the permitting process.

Everyone who cares about Idaho's fish populations should take notice of some of regulators' conclusions in the SDEIS. Importantly, the SDEIS states by providing volitional passage for fish, Perpetua will have a beneficial impact on fish populations within the vicinity of the mine. Right now, the abandoned Yellow Pine Pit currently blocks fish access to the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. Fish will continue to be blocked from high quality habitat unless we let Perpetua Resources move forward with its plan. We should allow Perpetua Resources to mine at Stibnite, so we can help fish, secure American supply chains and provide family-wage jobs to Idahoans.

The SDEIS reduces the size of the project footprint, improves water quality, eliminates the need for long-term water treatment and makes sure water temperature on site does not exceed baseline conditions – all while providing our nation with access to a mineral we desperately need. The permitting process has been thorough and complete. Now, I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan.

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