

Dear U.S.F.S.

I recently had an opportunity to meet with several of the Perpetua team members in Reno Nevada, at the American Exploration and Mining Association Conference and discussed this vital project. The options for material transport, as described to me, leave me to support the Burntlog route for the reasons described below. i have been in the mining industry for nearly 30 years and have seen many of these types of operations left to continue to leave a negative impact to our environment. This project appears to be just the opposite and is going to positively impact the areas environment and the local native fishing recreation.

Perpetua Resources has been a member of our community for the past decade. During this time, the company and its employees have become wonderful champions and supporters of Idaho. They've volunteered their time in our schools and given generously to community causes. Perpetua Resources' track record of following through on its promises and doing the right thing gives me the confidence to write in support of permitting the Stibnite Gold Project.

I support the preferred alternative because it will help minimize the impacts of mine traffic and reduce the risk of accidents and spills. According to the SDEIS, less than 10 miles of the Burntlog Route is within a half mile of a waterway compared to 27 miles on Johnson Creek. The Johnson Creek Route would put our community and fish at greater risk if there was ever an accident or spill while Perpetua was traveling to site. I want to keep traffic as far away from rivers, streams and creeks as possible.

This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. Please permit the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and move the project forward so America can reap the positive impacts.

Respectfully,

John West