

I am proud to welcome Perpetua Resources into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. The project will produce America's only source of antimony, a mineral our national security and clean energy future depends upon, and leave the site in better condition than it is today. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

Perpetua Resources made a lot of improvements to its plan after the last comment period. The community's feedback made the Stibnite Gold Project better. In fact, regulators identified Perpetua's plan as their preferred alternative in the SDEIS. This is a big deal and signals that regulators believe Perpetua can safely mine the site and limit its impact on the environment and surrounding communities. We need the minerals from this project. Now that Perpetua has eliminated the need for long-term water treatment, improved water temperatures on site and reduced the size of the project, the Stibnite Gold Project should move forward.

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.

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