

I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the past several years Perpetua has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho. I encourage you to permit the improvements proposed by the company and move the project forward using the Burntlog Road route.

I am pleased to see Perpetua Resources wants to take responsibility and clean up the damage left behind by mining operations in the early 20th Century – even though the company was not involved in any of the previous activity at the site. Perpetua has a plan to reunite salmon and trout with their spawning grounds for the first time in 80 years. They plan to provide permanent access to approximately 25 miles of perennial stream and 6 miles of anadromous fish spawning habitat, and the company has agreed to install a temporary fish passageway that will allow fish to swim past the old mining pit before mining even begins. The SDEIS concludes providing volitional passage would result in major, permanent, regional and beneficial effects for fish. Perpetua Resources is our best chance to rewrite the history of the site and finally fix longstanding environmental issues.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. After 6 years of intense review, I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit the 2021 Modified Mine Plan so this brownfield site can finally be restored.

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