

I am proud to submit my comments in support of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and provide our nation with the much-needed critical mineral antimony. Today, America relies on China and Russia to provide us with antimony. The Stibnite Gold Project could help us secure a domestic source of antimony.

Idaho is known for its outdoor recreation opportunities, so I understand people's concerns over how the Stibnite Gold Project would impact local tourism. However, the USFS' previous analysis concluded the project would have negligible socioeconomic impacts to the region's recreation tourism sector. So, I feel comfortable supporting the project and the other economic benefits it would bring to our region, including 500+ well-paying jobs, a boon to the state's tax-base and millions more dollars circulating in our local economy. This is our best chance to restore the abandoned Stibnite Mining District, improve regional water quality and secure an American source of antimony. I hope we take advantage of the opportunities the Stibnite Gold Project presents.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward. The permitting process is designed to advance the best plans possible. I believe the work of regulators over the past six years is proof this is what is happening with the Stibnite Gold Project. The thorough review process has been beneficial but there should be no more delays. The project should move forward in a timely manner.

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