

Ms. Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor  
Stibnite Gold Project  
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Attn: Linda Jackson


Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua has shown they are committed to Idaho and want to take care of the environment. The company designed its project to clean up legacy waste, reconnect salmon to their native spawning grounds and fix one of the watershed's largest source of sedimentation. The Stibnite Gold Project would water quality, wetlands and the river better than they are today. I hope you move forward and permit this project as quickly as possible.

Perpetua Resources has made it clear reclamation efforts will start alongside operations. For example, before mining ever begins, fish will be reconnected to their native spawning groups upstream through a fish passageway. Perpetua Resources also identified more ways to help fish populations. The SDEIS mentions the SGP is anticipated to result in major, permanent and localized benefits for Chinook salmon and steelhead resulting from increased access to critical habitat. As tabulated in table 4.12-3 of the SDEIS, removal of fish barriers is estimated to increase critical habitat available to salmon by 19.7 km, to steelhead by 8.7 km, and to Bull Trout by 19.5 km. Originally, the company proposed not replacing the pit lake at the Yellow Pine Pit, however, a pit lake is included in the 2021 Modified Mine Plan to make sure currently used habitat is replaced and available for the fish that use it today. The company is also adding more plantings along waterways to reduce water temperatures for fish. Perpetua also has proposed using Burnt Log Road in order to keep vehicles away from precious waterways. I am impressed by the improvements the company made to its plan based on public feedback.

The Stibnite Gold Project is important to Idaho, our national security and clean energy future. Regulators have been reviewing the project for the past 6 years. This time has allowed the project to improve and, now, I encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

Cordially,

  
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