

I am writing to share my thoughts on Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold project. There are many reasons why I am excited for Perpetua's project to come to life. It would provide America with our only mined supply of antimony, a mineral critical to our national defense and energy sectors. I hope through my comments you will understand why I want to see this project move forward.

There are many reasons to support Perpetua Resources improved mine plan. However, this lined in the SDEIS stood out to me: "The restoration activities, particularly providing volitional passage in the East Fork SFSR, would result in a major, permanent, regional, and beneficial effect on Chinook salmon, steelhead, bull trout, and westslope cutthroat trout within the vicinity of mine." Reviewing the SDEIS makes me confident Perpetua can make it good on its promise and show all of us how mining and the environment can work hand in hand.

Perpetua Resources wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. After reviewing the project for six years, I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the project forward with the improvements laid out in the SDEIS.

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