

Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho, particularly rural Idaho, with a huge economic and environmental opportunity. The company has a plan to improve water quality, wetlands and the river and leave the site better than it is today. I am writing to encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

Everyone who cares about Idaho's fish populations should take notice of some of regulators' conclusions in the SDEIS. Importantly, the SDEIS states by providing volitional passage for fish, Perpetua will have a beneficial impact on fish populations within the vicinity of the mine. Right now, the abandoned Yellow Pine Pit currently blocks fish access to the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. Fish will continue to be blocked from high quality habitat unless we let Perpetua Resources move forward with its plan. We should allow Perpetua Resources to mine at Stibnite, so we can help fish, secure American supply chains and provide family-wage jobs to Idahoans.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Perpetua Resources' project as outlined in the 2021 Modified Mine Plan. At this point, the Stibnite Gold Project has been studied by regulators for the last six year. That is enough. Now, it is time to let Perpetua get to work.

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