



Idaho House of Representatives

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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street, Building 2
McCall, ID 83638

RE: Approval of Stibnite Gold Project

Ms. Linda Jackson,

I appreciate the chance to advocate for the approval of the Stibnite Gold Project in Valley County, Idaho. As a Representative for Idaho's 28th District, it's my duty to help constituents find opportunities to better themselves and build a stronger Idaho. While Stibnite Gold is outside of my district, I believe approval of this project is long overdue.

Stibnite Gold would allow Perpetua to:

- Invest roughly \$1 billion into the Valley County community and provide 500-600 jobs.
- Improve water quality and temperature, eliminate the need for permanent water treatment, and greatly reduce arsenic levels in the Salmon River.
- Domestically source the only identified source of antimony in the US, which is critical in the production process of US military munitions and semiconductors.

The U.S. Forest Service ought to approve the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Perpetua's Stibnite Gold Project.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Cheatum".

Rep. Rick Cheatum

District 28, Idaho House of Representatives

The environmental benefits of this project alone merit its approval.
Rick