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

Dear Ms. Jackson,

As a lifelong Idahoan and outdoorsman, I am invested in protecting our gorgeous environment, building upon our strong economy, and brightening the future for everyone in our state. I am following the progress of Perpetua Resources' proposed Stibnite Gold Project and its Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and I believe this project will improve Idaho's economy, while significantly addressing the challenging reclamation at the site.

Previous mining of the Stibnite area left serious environmental issues that have disrupted the natural fish habitat that once thrived in the Salmon River. Perpetua has promised to leave the land in a better condition from what exists today, and I don't believe they'd make that promise given Stibnite's history. The SDEIS incorporates strategies to remove fish migration barriers to re-establish the salmon and steelhead fish passage.

Additionally, the Stibnite Project will be a boon to the state and regional economy. By projecting a \$1 billion investment for the project, as well as the commitment to hiring local workers, this will allow many Idahoans the chance to earn a good living while mining the critical resource of antimony. Today, Stibnite is the only identified antimony reserve in the US. Given the uses of antimony (US military ammunition, semiconductors, long duration batteries), we need to allow Idaho workers to meet the growing need of a domestic supply of antimony.

Thus, I ask the U.S. Forest Service to accept the SDEIS submitted by Perpetua Resources for the Stibnite Gold Project.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Cornilles", written in a cursive style.

Representative Jeff Cornilles
District 12, Seat A