

I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. The project would finally address legacy mining issues that have been plaguing the site for decades and help secure the minerals we need for America's future. The company has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to adopt the proposed activities outlined in the company's 2021 Modified Mine Plan during the permitting process.i

In order for Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project to move forward, the company must mitigate for any impacts the project will have on the environment. In the 2021 Modern Mining Plan of the SDEIS, the company has outlined how it can leave water quality on the site better than it is today and provide fish with access to more habitat. I was pleased to learn Perpetua Resources has also taken steps to protect air quality. According to analysis in the SDEIS hazardous air pollutants were found to be well below major thresholds and the Operations Area Boundary would not exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. To me, these facts from the SDEIS demonstrate the proper checks and balances are in place to protect the environment.

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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