

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 support the Stibnite Gold Project. It presents the best opportunity to give this area of Idaho's backcountry the environmental attention it needs, while also securing a domestic source of the critical mineral antimony. Water quality at Stibnite has been negatively impacted by legacy mining activity for years. There are elevated levels of arsenic and antimony. Fortunately, the SDEIS concluded surface water concentrations of these elements downstream of the site would be reduced during mining and post-closure due to water treatment. Water quality at Stibnite will not improve unless Perpetua Resources is allowed to move forward with its plan.

I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness in the review process. The U.S. Forest Service has not cut any corners over the past 6 years analyzing the project and I've appreciated the opportunities to provide feedback. For the reasons I stated in my letter above, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

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