

I am proud to submit my comments in support of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and provide our nation with the much-needed critical mineral antimony. Today, America relies on China and Russia to provide us with antimony. The Stibnite Gold Project could help us secure a domestic source of antimony.

Perpetua Resources has developed a plan to provide our nation with a domestic supply of antimony and protect the environment in the process. Perpetua is mindful of its impact and has designed its project to meet or exceed environmental thresholds. For example, modeling in the SDEIS showed the Operations Area Boundary would not exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and mercury, nitrogen and sulfur would fall below significant impact levels. I believe Perpetua Resources can strike the balance of mining the materials we need safely, while also protecting and restoring the environment.

Let Idahoans see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project. The USFS has reviewing the project for the last six years. During this time, the company has reduced the project size by 13% in the SDEIS, decreased maximum water temperature to keep it at or below baseline conditions and eliminated the need for long-term water treatment. The review process is working and now we need regulators to advance the project as expeditiously as possible.

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