

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the last several years, I've had the opportunity to hear a handful of presentations on the project, sit down with members of Perpetua Resources and observe how the company has lived out its mission as it has grown. It is with this knowledge that I encourage you to move the project forward.

The SDEIS concludes there will be net benefits associated with the Stibnite Gold Project. Some of those benefits will occur before mining even starts. For example, Perpetua Resources will construct a fishway that allows fish to travel to upstream habitat that they have been unable to reach for decades. Because of this the SDEIS said the greatest benefit to Chinook salmon and steelhead passage will occur during construction, when the fishway is built. Perpetua eventually plans to restore the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River, so access to upstream waters is permanently restored for fish. I want to see the conditions at Stibnite improve. I know Perpetua Resources can make it happen.

Perpetua Resources wants to help America secure a domestic supply of the critical mineral antimony and clean up a brownfield site. They've made great improvements to the project from the original documents they submitted – this shows the permitting process has done its job. It is time to permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.

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