

I am proud to welcome Perpetua Resources into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. The project will produce America's only source of antimony, a mineral our national security and clean energy future depends upon, and leave the site in better condition than it is today. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

Idaho is known for its outdoor recreation opportunities, so I understand people's concerns over how the Stibnite Gold Project would impact local tourism. However, the USFS' previous analysis concluded the project would have negligible socioeconomic impacts to the region's recreation tourism sector. So, I feel comfortable supporting the project and the other economic benefits it would bring to our region, including 500+ well-paying jobs, a boon to the state's tax-base and millions more dollars circulating in our local economy. This is our best chance to restore the abandoned Stibnite Mining District, improve regional water quality and secure an American source of antimony. I hope we take advantage of the opportunities the Stibnite Gold Project presents.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. It has been in regulatory review for the past six years. During this time, public comments and scientific analysis has helped to improve the plan. But now it is time to move it forward. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan presented by Perpetua Resources in the SDEIS, as expeditiously as possible.

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