Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the NEPA Comment Period. I have been closely following Perpetua Resources' plans since they first came into our state, in large part because some of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities. The Stibnite Gold Project could help us restore an abandoned mine site.

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.

Please move the Stibnite Gold Project forward, especially now that the public has had multiple opportunities to provide feedback and regulators have been analyzing Perpetua Resources' plans for six years. The review process has improved the project and now it is time to make it a reality.

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