

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.

One of the things that has always impressed me about Perpetua Resources is the company's commitment to using mining to leave Stibnite in better condition than they found it. It is no secret the site is not in great condition today. Water quality has been harmed by legacy mine waste and fish cannot swim past the Yellow Pine pit. Once Perpetua has mined the Yellow Pine pit, the company plans to backfill the pit and restore the natural flow of the river. This will permanently reconnect fish to high quality habitat further upstream. But instead of waiting until mining is complete, Perpetua is proposing to provide temporary access for fish by building a passageway around the pit. The SDEIS concluded this decision will limit the overall impact of habitat reduction for fish in the area of the active mine and also reduce the impacts of dewatering the diversion and stream channel elimination. Perpetua's decision to build a fish passageway proves to me that they are willing to go above and beyond to protect wildlife and the environment.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward. The permitting process is designed to advance the best plans possible. I believe the work of regulators over the past six years is proof this is what is happening with the Stibnite Gold Project. The thorough review process has been beneficial but there should be no more delays. The project should move forward in a timely manner.

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