

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the National Environmental Policy Act. I believe the project can help stop America's import reliance on antimony and address legacy impacts in the historic Stibnite Mining District. I hope my letter will help as you evaluate the recently published SDEIS.

Our lives depend on mining. We need minerals for our cell phones, computers, cars and pretty much everything in between. While mining is crucial, we cannot sacrifice our environment in the process. Mining must be done responsibly. When the USFS identified Perpetua's improved plan as it preferred alternative, it signaled they believe the company can limit community and environmental impacts and mine. Reviewing the SDEIS, I was pleased to see the preferred alternative would improve water quality conditions in Meadow Creek and the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River by removing the repurposing legacy tailings. The conditions on site are not going to fix themselves. Perpetua Resources is our best bet to improve water quality.

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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