

I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. The project would finally address legacy mining issues that have been plaguing the site for decades and help secure the minerals we need for America's future. The company has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to adopt the proposed activities outlined in the company's 2021 Modified Mine Plan during the permitting process.

A diverse economy is a strong economy. I am excited about the year-round employment opportunities and other benefits the Stibnite Gold Project will bring to the region. The economic impacts of the project have been closely analyzed by the USFS and numerous other independent, third-party analysts. I know some are concerned about the project's impacts to tourism. However, analysis by the USFS in the DEIS importantly concluded that the Stibnite Gold Project would have negligible socioeconomic impacts to the region's recreation tourism sector. I hope the Stibnite Gold Project will be allowed to move forward utilizing Burntlog Road, so we can provide more than 500 family-wage jobs to Idahoans and inject millions into the local economy.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Perpetua Resources' project as outlined in the 2021 Modified Mine Plan. At this point, the Stibnite Gold Project has been studied by regulators for the last six year. That is enough. Now, it is time to let Perpetua get to work.

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