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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street, Building 2
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RE: Approve the Preferred Alternative for Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

I strongly urge you to adopt the Preferred Alternative put forth by Perpetua Resources for their Stibnite Gold Project as the senator representing Idaho's 14th Legislative District. Having read the agency's Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS), I am confident that Perpetua Resources is dedicated to making investments to strengthen our economy while reversing the environmental damage caused by earlier mining activity.

The Stibnite Gold Project will be a \$1 billion investment to develop if approved in Idaho. An independent study predicted that over the course of its 20-year existence, the project would bring in more than \$150 million in state and local tax revenue. Our local schools and community projects would be funded by property taxes totaling at least \$300,000 per year, which would be added to local community budgets. These have a significant economic impact on Valley County and the state.

In order to further boost the local economy, the project intends to hire hundreds of local workers as well as hundreds more who will relocate there. Since Valley County has some of the highest unemployment rates in the state, this project would give the area's economy a direct boost. Additionally, at no cost to the taxpayer, Perpetua intends to use machinery that is environmentally friendly to restore fish habitats and the environmental legacies that exist in the stibnite area.

The Stibnite Gold Project has, in my opinion, undergone a careful examination, and I applaud the U.S. Forest Service's efforts throughout this procedure. I request that the U.S. Forest Service approve the Stibnite Gold Project and move the project along in light of these promising prospects and the company's clear and transparent work.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Scott Grow".

Senator C. Scott Grow, District 14