

The reclamation and restoration aspect alone should be all that's needed to approve this project. It would be foolish to bypass such a golden opportunity to clean up a legacy project using private funds, concept design, and a plan of action. If the project is not approved, how many more decades will it continue to fester and pollute? The proposed development of the Stibnite project can be done responsibly, bonding for reclamation should include any and all work required to achieve the proposed reclamation plan presented by Perpetua.

There is no doubt that mining has impacts to the environment, the legacy pollution of year-gone projects reflect this. We are no longer in that by-gone era, and have an arsenal of information, techniques and evolving experience reclaiming and restoring mine sites.

We are also a society that requires natural resources to survive and thrive. The continual blocking of mining projects which meet or exceed permitting requirements and federal regulations can't continue if we are to become self-sustainable nation. Mining can be done responsibly to the extent practical while protecting the environment. Its proven time and time again. Mining includes risk, there is no way to create a project with zero risk. The best that can be done is minimize risks and long-term effects, and provide equal or better environmental conditions. The project will dramatically improve the impacts to the area will exceeding minimum requirements for mining.

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