

I am proud to welcome Perpetua Resources into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. The project will produce America's only source of antimony, a mineral our national security and clean energy future depends upon, and leave the site in better condition than it is today. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

When regulators are reviewing a project, they are considering all the worst-case scenarios. Which is why I was pleased when I saw the SDEIS concluded that the risk of a spill large enough to have a negative impact on fish would be low. Additionally, regulators said they believe with Perpetua's planned spill response resources and trained responders that a spill from a vehicle traveling up to site would be promptly contained and cleaned up. These things are important and signal a larger cultural of safety and commitment to the environment. These are just two small examples of why I hope you will permit the Stibnite Gold Project using the preferred alternative.

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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