

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.

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.

Perpetua Resources wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. After reviewing the project for six years, I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the project forward with the improvements laid out in the SDEIS.

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