

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 U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward, especially now with the further improvements to water quality conditions on site. This is just one example of how the permitting process has worked to improve the plan.

NO, instead of mining lets manage our forests to mitigate fire risk. Letting the North Bitterroot between route 12 and highway 93 in Montana totally screwed the people, especially those of use that depend on the snow melt for out flood irrigation. There is no ground cover or trees to shade the snow and slow the melt off. The lines of BS the forest circus blew up our butts with straight faces was utterly ridiculous. I was visited by local fire departments at least 2 weeks before the fire was a threat to us to see if we were defensible. I watched back fires being set in 10 minutes helicopters were dropping water on them! The forest service is one of the most ridiculous bunch of ass kissing over paid money wasting buffoons.

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