

I have reviewed Perpetua Resources' plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. I am impressed with the company's commitment to use modern mining to leave the area better than they found it, while providing our nation with the minerals we need. Below are my comments on the plan to be included in the project record.

In order for Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project to move forward, the company must mitigate for any impacts the project will have on the environment. In the 2021 Modern Mining Plan of the SDEIS, the company has outlined how it can leave water quality on the site better than it is today and provide fish with access to more habitat. I was pleased to learn Perpetua Resources has also taken steps to protect air quality. According to analysis in the SDEIS hazardous air pollutants were found to be well below major thresholds and the Operations Area Boundary would not exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. To me, these facts from the SDEIS demonstrate the proper checks and balances are in place to protect the environment.

This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. Please permit the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and move the project forward so America can reap the positive impacts.

"No wealth is made until somebody takes something from the Earth, improves it, and sells it to somebody else." Adam Smith 1776

Most of the antimony mined each year comes from China, which supplies over three-quarters of the world's total. The remainder is from Russia, South Africa, Tajikistan, Bolivia, and a few other countries, including the United States.

If you deny this permit you are Supporting the Chinese and the Russians! Mining in the US is hampered by permit restrictions. Mining supports America with good paying employment. I am a professional Mining Engineer and have worked worldwide. Primarily because they have no permit restrictions. Please support mining jobs in the USA!

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