

On behalf of the Horseshoe Bend Valley Chamber of Commerce and our 165+ members, this letter is to support the Perpetua Resources in regards to the Stibnite Gold Project. hsbvalleychamber.org 85-2242561 - Non-Profit 501(c)6 ; PO Box 36, Horseshoe Bend, Idaho

The Stibnite Gold Project is a unique opportunity to responsibly provide critical resources for the American future by redeveloping and restoring an abandoned mine site. Although in Idaho the population is growing steadily, it is mainly happening in population centers where national immigrants are bringing in more money and driving up the cost of living for the rural areas. With this economic phenomenon, on top of Covid economic and social impacts, rural Idahoans have been hit with fewer jobs and higher living costs. This mine will increase the number of available high paying jobs within the state and significantly aid in balancing economic conditions for many lifelong Idahoans.

The Stibnite Gold Project is important for many reasons, as we are certain you have already heard about from valid information sources.

Since the Department of Defense announced that they have awarded Perpetua around \$24.8M to support the development of antimony, it should be clear of the importance of this project not only for the state but for the nation.

We also support the preferred alternative because it will help minimize the impacts of mine traffic and reduce the risk of accidents and spills. According to the SDEIS, less than 10 miles of the Burntlog Route is within a half mile of a waterway compared to 27 miles on Johnson Creek. The Johnson Creek Route would put our community and fish at greater risk if there was ever an accident or spill while Perpetua was traveling to site. We and our members certainly want to keep traffic as far away from rivers, streams and creeks as possible.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho and its citizens. We highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit the 2021 Modified Mine Plan so this brownfield site can finally be restored. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need more information.

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