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Attn: Ms. Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Perpetua Resources' Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and it appears from reviewing the SDEIS, Perpetua has been listening. It is nice to see they will leave conditions at the site better than they are today.

Perpetua Resources has made it clear reclamation efforts will start alongside operations. For example, before mining ever begins, fish will be reconnected to their native spawning groups upstream through a fish passageway, this tunnel is impressive. Perpetua Resources also identified more ways to help fish populations. Originally, the company proposed not replacing the lake at the Yellow Pine Pit, however, a pit lake is included in the 2021 Modified Mine Plan to make sure currently used habitat is replaced and available for the fish that use it today, however it will be a deeper wider section of river instead of a contaminated pit lake. The company is also adding more plantings along waterways to reduce water temperatures for fish. Perpetua also has proposed using Burnt Log Road in order to keep vehicles away from precious waterways and heavily used recreation areas. I am impressed by the improvements the company made to its plan based on public feedback.

Perpetua Resources wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them, especially considering the permitting process has worked and helped the company identify how to improve water quality and temperature in the SDEIS. Please permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.

Appreciate your time and efforts,

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