

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement period for the Stibnite Gold Project. This project could help stop our import reliance on China and Russia for antimony and improve environmental conditions at an abandoned mine site. It is important to me to see this project move forward.

In reviewing the SDEIS, it is clear to me Perpetua has been thoughtful on how to minimize its impacts during mining. For example, the company is going to construct a passageway to reconnect fish to upstream habitat before mining even begins. Fish have not been able to swim past the Yellow Pine pit for more than 80 years. The analysis in the document says this will help limit the impacts of habitat reduction for fish. We need the minerals from the Stibnite Gold Project and I believe the company has demonstrated they can mine safely and protect the environment.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward. The permitting process is designed to advance the best plans possible. I believe the work of regulators over the past six years is proof this is what is happening with the Stibnite Gold Project. The thorough review process has been beneficial but there should be no more delays. The project should move forward in a timely manner.

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