



COUGAR MOUNTAIN COUNTRY ASSOCIATION  
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Dear Ms. Linda Jackson,

The Cougar Mountain Snowmobile Club would like to take this opportunity to convey our support for the permitting of the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Perpetua Resources.

We reviewed the supplemental draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) released in October and feel this is a comprehensive and thorough review by the U.S. Forest Service. We also appreciate the SDEIS being online and having access to hard copies in Cascade. Given that this project has been in review for over 6 years by the experts, 75 days is plenty of time for the public to review the agency's analysis.

It is our sense that the Modified Mine Plan - is the best path forward for Idaho. The area surrounding the historical Stibnite mining district is a major draw for snowmobilers from across Idaho. As such, one of our top priorities-along with restoration of the site--is to ensure that access for all recreational groups and individuals continues throughout this project. Thanks to Perpetua's commitment to transparency and willingness to work with the community, we are confident that those priorities will be met.

It was by listening to members of the community that Perpetua learned just how important access is for Idahoans who enjoy hiking, hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling in the area around the Stibnite mining district. The company kept that in mind when submitting their plan, ensuring that recreationalists will be able to continue enjoying the area and their activities just as they do today. They not only encouraged feedback, but altered plans accordingly in their Modified Mine submitted to the Forest Service

In addition, Perpetua has been more than willing to partner with recreational groups to mitigate potential impacts on our activities as the project gears up. Knowing their project and construction plans would affect snowmobilers given the area's popularity, Perpetua worked with local snowmobiling groups to guarantee the necessary upgrades-a parking lot and maintained groomed trail-are in place. In the MMP they plan to plow Warm Lake Road up to Landmark, continuing onto the Burntlog route. Additionally, the Modified Mine Plan via Burntlog will keep site traffic and access off Johnson Creek and Stibnite Road, major roadways

for the public, and ensure a higher level of safety for all. We do not mind a two year shift in travel, but we do not want permanent mine traffic on Johnson Creek route.

Restoration of the Stibnite mining district is another priority for us as it is tied to the recreational enjoyment of the surrounding area. Fisheries, water quality and the natural habitat have all suffered damage from past mining activities and each has unique challenges to be met. Luckily, Perpetua has designed this project with restoration as a key component and has presented plans to reconnect fish passageways, improve water quality and clean up abandoned waste. In fact, you indicate in the SDEIS that “Restoration of stream and lake habitats and riparian vegetation within the active mine area after reclamation would result in a new increase in stream length and accessible fish habitat post-closure relative to baseline conditions and volitional fish access to habitats upstream of the Yellow Pine pit lake (Rio ASE 2021).” This would be a win for all of us!

We value the opinion of those who are skeptical of a project like this, especially given the area was damaged by mining practices of the past. But now is the time to support a new era of mining in the Gem State and Perpetua is the right group to take on the challenge of changing perceptions.

For the above reasons, we would urge the U.S. Forest Service to adopt the Modified Mine Plan via Burntlog Road presented by Perpetua Resources.

Sincerely,

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