## Supervisor Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the National Environmental Policy Act. As someone who has worked in the mining industry, I believe the project can help stop America's import reliance on antimony and address legacy impacts in the historic Stibnite Mining District. I hope my letter will help as you evaluate the recently published SDEIS.

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.

It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select the 2021 Modified Mine Plan Perpetua Resources presented and permit the project.

Best.

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