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Ms. Jackson,

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work with family wage jobs that provide benefits to their workers, bring a \$1 billion investment into our local and state economies and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair. Today, fish cannot swim past the Yellow Pine pit and heavy metals are leaching into the ground and surface water, this is not a pristine wilderness. The Stibnite Gold Project can leave the conditions better than they are today.

Perpetua Resources has also taken the time to work closely with the Valley County Snowmobile committee to work through alternative OSV parking and access from the beginning. They have also taken the time to visit with the local clubs as well. I support the Johnson Creek access during construction, but support Burntlog route life of mine so that those of us that snowmobile can have northern access between Cabin/Trout Creek and Yellow Pine after construction.

It is time to move the Stibnite Gold Project into production. Perpetua Resources has spent the last 12 years working with stakeholders to make sure its project meets the highest environmental standards and brings positive benefits to Idaho. Over the past six years, multiple federal, state and local agency experts have analyzed the project as part of the review process. The public has had ample time to review Perpetua's plans and two opportunities to provide comments. The input and permitting process has improved the plan. Perpetua resources has increased recreational access, improved water quality and reduced its project footprint. It is time to move the project forward.

The Stibnite Gold Project is important to Idaho, our national security and clean energy future. Regulators have been reviewing the project for the past 6 years. This time has allowed the project to improve and, now, I encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

Thanks for listening,

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