

January 4, 2023

United States Forest Service
Attn: Linda Jackson
Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street
McCall, ID 83638

Re: Stibnite Gold Project EIS #50516

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, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair.

I joined Perpetua Resources in February of 2021 because of the unique value proposition this project provides to all of its stakeholders. Not only is it a world-class gold deposit, but the Stibnite Gold Project is poised to be the only domestically mined source of the critical mineral antimony and, importantly, will bring much needed restoration to this abandoned mining area.

The Stibnite Gold Project is a unique opportunity to responsibly provide critical resources for the American future by redeveloping and restoring an abandoned mine site. The Project will leave conditions better than they are today and brings net benefits to water, river habitat, and fish migration. The Project will clean up over 10 million tons of legacy tailings and waste, restore the East Fork South Fork of the Salmon River, and reconnect fish to 20 miles of river habitat that they have been blocked from for 80 years.

The Stibnite Gold Project will be the only American-mined source of the critical mineral antimony. We need a secure source of antimony for national defense and the clean energy transition. Otherwise, our nation will be vulnerable and have to depend on China and Russia, countries that control the vast majority of the world's antimony.

Following your review of the environmental impacts as discussed in the SDEIS, the Forest Service has identified the 2021 MMP as the Preferred Alternative for the SGP because this alternative:

- Incorporates water management and closure activities to reduce the duration of long-term water treatment requirements.
- Incorporates measures to manage stream temperatures.
- Reduces the potential for impacts associated with access, transportation, and hazardous materials on Johnson Creek and the East Fork SFSR downstream of the Operations Area Boundary.

After 6+ years of regulatory review and project improvements, the agency's Preferred Alternative "would reasonably accomplish the purpose and need for the federal action, while giving consideration to environmental, economic, and technical factors." (ES-6)

Thank you for the thorough review of the Stibnite Gold Project. After analyzing the project for the past six years, I urge you to now move forward and permit the mine using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan so Perpetua Resources can put Americans back to work.

Regards,

Jessica Largent

Chief Financial Officer, Perpetua Resources