

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the NEPA Comment Period. I have been closely following Perpetua Resources' plans since they first came into our state, in large part because some of the proposed project will take place on public land and I am a resident of Yellow Pine, Idaho which is the closest community to the Stibnite Mine. I first became involved with the project due to Midas Gold, now Perpetua, proposing to close the road from Yellow Pine to Stibnite and on to the back country beyond the mine. That would have been devastating to the Village because motorized access to the back country through Yellow Pine is the heart of the businesses here. We as a community proposed a joint committee with Perpetua to iron out our differences. This large corporation could have ignored our request but instead sent a team to work with us that included a corporate Vice President, giving the committee real clout. We were able to develop a plan mutually agreeable to both parties. It was our group that came up with the proposed Burnt Log route that we feel would serve the mine, Village, and the environment best. Our process led to a larger advisory group which continues to function. I find Perpetua to be a company that honors its commitments and truly hopes to do the right thing for those affected by their project.

As someone who has frequented the Stibnite area for almost 70 years I have watched other attempts to mine the area and the mess that has been left behind. I have seen other attempts to mitigate the damage done there. No one to date has presented or attempted the recovery plans or made the preliminary efforts that Perpetua has made. This is my main reason for supporting the project. No environmental organization has the resources to carry out the kind of real restoration proposed by Perpetua. The abandoned Yellow Pine Pit currently blocks fish access to the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. Fish will continue to be blocked from high quality habitat unless Perpetua is allowed to move forward with its plan. Allowing Perpetua Resources to mine at Stibnite will help fish regain the access so important to their survival.

Additionally, the antimony resource found at Stibnite will help secure an important mineral necessary for our National defense and for moving toward secure American supply chains for future environmentally sound modes of transportation.

Finally, this project will provide families with well paying jobs and improve the tax base for many Idaho communities.

This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. Please permit the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and move the project forward so we all can reap the positive impacts.

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