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Ms. Linda Jackson:

On behalf of the Idaho Sportsmen Board of Directors, we'd like to thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua Resources has been a supporter and partner of Idaho Sportsmen and recently presented on the project at an Idaho Sportsmen Policy meeting. The presentation provided a comprehensive and significant overview of the project and the extensive efforts Perpetua Resources has committed to for completing the project correctly.

With a portion of the proposed project occurring on public land, Idaho Sportsmen feels very strongly this project needs to be completed with the utmost adherence to applicable environmental regulations and best management practices. That said, our Board believes Perpetua Resources has done a tremendous job of creating a project proposal demonstrative of their dedication to taking care of the environment and the resources of Idaho.

It is our view that the project will have long-lasting beneficial effects on the local community and environment, as well as simultaneously providing positive growth to the state's economy. In offering our support for this project, Idaho Sportsmen expects Perpetua Resources to abide by the high ethical and environmental standards presented in its proposal.

The Stibnite Gold Project will use modern state-of-the-art practices and techniques in mining for critical resources, gold, and antimony; all while restoring a site that was severely damaged by 100 years of relatively unregulated historic mining activity. One of their many stated goals is to correct the environmental damage of the past through extensive concurrent reclamation. In this respect, the project not only proposes major restoration to the mining site, but also to the water, landscape, fisheries, and natural habitats of the surrounding area.

The project proposal places a great deal of emphasis on the repair and reclamation process; most noteworthy, the schedule of work that Perpetua Resources will complete for river restoration. Salmon have not been able to migrate upstream to their historic spawning habitats in decades, and with this project comes a long-needed plan to permanently restore access to these channels. The project addresses water quality concerns by proposing to remove decades of silt accumulation and clean up water contamination point sources that have remained unmitigated and problematic for years.

The proposed project will also create over 500 jobs in Idaho that are projected to extend over the next twenty (20) years. These will be well-paying jobs and Perpetua Resources plans to invest \$1.1 billion to employ these workers. Perpetua Resources and this proposed project will contribute significantly to Idaho's economy and serve to grow its natural resources industry base. Perpetua Resources has shown their dedication to the Valley



County community over the last ten (10) years and allowed this community to give extensive input into the designs and plans for this project.

The Idaho Sportsmen Board would like to encourage the U.S. Forest Service to drive the Stibnite Gold Project forward. We urge you to preclude delays to the permitting process and hope to see this project move forward in a timely manner.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters "BB" followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

Benn Brocksome
Executive Director
Idaho Sportsmen