



WE'RE READY WHEN YOU ARE.

January 6th, 2023

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

I work for Western State CAT, a company founded and headquartered in Idaho, and the economic benefit this project could bring to our company cannot be overlooked. If the Stibnite Gold Project is permitted, Perpetua will likely buy hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of equipment from our dealership. This would greatly benefit our company and our employees as well. If this project is permitted, we could have the opportunity to work with a company we believe in and in turn create hundreds of indirect jobs, bringing millions to the state.

Perpetua Resources has made it clear reclamation efforts will start alongside operations and we want to be a part of it. Before mining ever begins, fish will be reconnected to their native spawning grounds upstream through a fish passageway. Eventually, the Yellow Pine Pit will be backfilled and the river can be permanently reconnected. Perpetua used comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding stream temperature and water quality to improve the environmental outcomes of the project.

They have worked to find safe access routes to the site that keeps vehicles away from our precious waterways. And through extensive research, the company has demonstrated that the Burntlog route would be the safest way to access Stibnite. Here at Western States, we always keep safety top of mind so we can ensure that our employees make it home every day. It is clear that the Burntlog route is the safest option and the secondary egress route it provides helps ensure that Perpetua's staff will also be making it home safely to their families.

The company is also trying to minimize their impact on the environment by keeping facilities within the existing footprint of historic mining operations. In fact, 51% of their mine site footprint is on historically disturbed land. And based on feedback on their draft EIS, they also reduced the overall footprint of the project by 13% and the total amount of mined material by 10%.

The environmental review process under the National Environmental Policy Act has been thorough and it is clear to me that it has worked to develop the best project possible. Both the USFS and Perpetua have done a great job at providing online resources in order to give community members everything they need to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project.

I urge you to accept Perpetua Resource's plan as outlined under the modified mine plan and continue moving this project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kelly Olson'.

Kelly Olson, President

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