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U.S. Forest Service  
Payette National Forest

Attention: Linda Jackson, Forest Supervisor

Subject: Stibnite Gold Project  
SDEIS Comment Period

My name is Braydan DuRee. I am an Idaho registered Professional Engineer currently employed with GeoEngineers, Inc. My firm is an engineering consulting firm that specializes in earth sciences and engineering with offices across the county. I am a geotechnical engineer and manage our geotechnical practice in our Boise, Idaho office. I have been a consulting engineer for over fifteen years and through GeoEngineers, Inc. have worked on the Stibnite Gold Project as a consultant to Perpetua in evaluating the Burntlog and Johnson Creek access routes. We were retained to specifically evaluate geologic hazards including rockfall and landslides, identify potential borrow source locations, and provide preliminary recommendations for the access route alignments and roadway design.

I would like to publicly voice my support for the project. I believe Perpetua has developed a thorough plan to develop the mine project that provides many benefits to the local environment, public and economy. I believe the project will provide the funding and resources to clean up legacy tailings and waste and eliminate historical fish passage barriers left behind from previous mining activities at the site. It also brings me a sense of national pride that a project located in my home state can provide an American-owned source of the critical mineral antimony.

I applaud the U.S. Forest Service for selecting the Burntlog Route as the preferred access route to the site. I personally evaluated and mapped potential geologic hazards for both options and in my opinion the Burntlog Route provides much safer access to the site. The rockfall and avalanche hazards along the Johnson Creek route pose a real risk to not only public safety, but also increases risks of inadvertent accidental release of hazardous materials into Johnson Creek and the East Fork SFSR. While there are geologic hazards present along the Burntlog Route, they are much lower and we have worked with Perpetua and the roadway design team to reduce the risks throughout the design process.

I believe the project has considered the critical environmental issues and public feedback to build and improve a solid development and operation plan. After twelve years of data collection, study and review I believe it is time to allow construction and operation of the Stibnite Gold project.

Sincerely,



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