

Dear Ms. Jackson,

This project is important for Idaho's future and our nation's future. Besides having a plan to leave the site better than they found it and produce antimony, a mineral we need for our national defense and clean energy future they will provide well-paying jobs for our entire region. It is time to diversify job opportunities throughout the region, we need something more than just tourism to drive our culture, you know we use to count on logging, mining and agriculture, let's get back to that.

Perpetua Resources has also taken the time to work closely with the Valley County Snowmobile community to work through alternative OSV parking and access from the beginning, they made sure those options moved forward through the NEPA process. We appreciate their transparency and willingness to work with us, they even took time to ride the new route to look at potential concerns, in order to mitigate obstacles. I support the Johnson Creek access during construction, but support Burntlog route life of mine so that those of us that snowmobile can have northern access between Cabin/Trout Creek and Yellow Pine after construction.

The SDEIS indicates "Plowing of the Burntlog Route and Warm Lake Road would cutoff direct OSV access to the Horn Creek Road, Sand Creek Road, and Warm Lake Road (east/south of Landmark) OSV routes from Johnson Creek Road, which would be the only publicly available winter route to the Landmark area as Warm Lake Road would be closed to public winter use (Winter, 4th paragraph, page 4-535). I understand Perpetua included an OSV trail along the south side of Warm Lake Road connecting Johnson Creek Road to Landmark-Stanley Road which is not described in this section. They proposed this connector to maintain access to the Landmark-Stanley Road. Maintaining this access is extremely important to the snowmobile community. Also, plowing of Burntlog Route does not cut off access to trails east and south of Landmark. It's not ideal but snowmobile users can access these trails as long as there is a snow floor on the Burntlog Route.

It is time to move the Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua Resources has spent the last 12 years working with all stakeholders to make sure its project meets the highest environmental standards and brings positive benefits to Idaho. Over the past six years, multiple federal, state and local agency experts have analyzed the project as part of the review process. The public has had ample time to review Perpetua's plans, the scoping comment period was in 2017, the DEIS comment period in 2020 and now another 75 days for the SDEIS and the plan has just improved over the course of the years. The input and permitting process has improved the plan. Perpetua Resources has increased recreational access, improved water quality and reduced its project footprint. It is time to move the project forward.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward, especially now with the further improvements to water quality conditions on site. This is just one example of how the permitting process has worked to improve the plan.

Sincerely,



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