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To whom it may concern:

Roxie's grandparents, and parents have lived on Johnson Creek at the Cox Dude Ranch from 1927 until they passed away. Roxie grew up at the Cox Dude Ranch and I joined her there in 1961. This country was founded on mining, timber, and grazing and we have always supported these activities.

Roxie's father Lafe Cox discovered tungston on Springfield creek and sold the rights to Bradley Mining Company. They operated the mine until Stibnite shut down.

We have watched Perpetua since they have been in the Stibnite area as we spend a lot of time at our ranch on Johnson Creek. We have found them to be a very environmental, and a safe company. We have watched a lot of companies work at Stibnite and Perpetua was far and away the best. The company and their employees are great members of our community. We know and have met a lot of the employees and we respect them.

The work they did this summer on the reclamation work keeping water out of the east fork was remarkable.

The burnt log route is the only option to get the ore, equipment, and employees to Stibnite and back after the road construction is accomplished. We and our families snowmobile the Johnson Creek Road to get to our home. If we use the south fork in the winter, it adds another 20 miles to get to our home on a very slick route. If it rains on the ice, it is like driving on a skating rink.

If Perpetua can finally get the stibnite gold mine operating, then we will not have to depend on China for valuable metals of which antimony and tungsten are the most important.

Perpetua is committed to cleaning up the site, leaving water quality much better than today, and getting salmon back to spawn.

We are 100% in favor of the Stibnite Gold Project and can't wait to get the mill in production. Valley County can sure use the tax base to keep our roads up to date.

Sincerely Vernon and Roxie Himes