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Ms. Linda Jackson,

It is with great pleasure that I write to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Perpetua Resources during this public input process. This project could help restore Stibnite, secure an American source of antimony and strengthen our nation's supply chains.

I have reviewed the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and I believe the Stibnite Gold Project is an opportunity to repair the environment and bring an economic boost to the community. The plans proposed by the company allows the project to finance environmental reclamation and provide the workforce and resources necessary to complete it. If Perpetua Resources isn't allowed to move forward with its plan, this area in Idaho's backcountry will continue to suffer. Currently, salmon are being blocked from their native spawning grounds and hundreds of tons of sediment are pouring into the watershed each year. It is beyond time to address these issues and Perpetua has the right plan to do it. The company made its plans even better after the release of the DEIS. In the 2021 Modified Mine Plan the company reduced the project footprint by 13 percent (compared to the original design), cut back on mined material by 10 percent and eliminated the need for long-term water treatment. In reviewing the document, I think the company is taking the steps needed to protect the area and mine the area safely using the Burntlog Route.

I urge you to approve Perpetua Resources' project. The Stibnite Gold Project will provide a huge benefit to our community and the local environment and the company has taken the time to reduce its footprint and improve water quality at site. The permitting process is designed to move the best plans forward and I feel that is what we will do with the 2021 Modified Mine Plan.

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