

Ms. Linda Jackson,

I have been closely following Perpetua Resources' plans for several years. The Stibnite Gold Project presents an opportunity to restore an abandoned mine site and provide our nation with the critical minerals we need. I am grateful for the opportunity to comment on their SDEIS.

The Stibnite project is important to me because it will strengthen our national security through the production of antimony. Right now, the U.S. relies on foreign countries for this mineral. These days, I think Americans value a domestic supply chain for such important minerals more than ever. The project at Stibnite could produce over 100 million pounds of antimony and become our only domestically mined source in the entire country. Antimony is used to make electronics and batteries and is also a critical mineral for national defense and the energy industry. With the uncertainties that the Coronavirus brought to our world and current war in Ukraine, I want our country to do everything it can to protect us from the uncertainty of wars. I also feel confident in the company's 2021 Modified Mine Plan

In addition, 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 have also taken the time to visit with the local clubs as well. 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Reviewing Perpetua Resources' improved plans it is clear to me the company really believes in taking care of the environment and keeping the community safe. They have taken the time to set up the Advisory Council to hear from our communities to address concerns and set up the Stibnite Foundation that will benefit our region in perpetuity. They are open and transparent about the project and any time I am looking for information they take the time to visit with me. I urge you to trust in your own review process and permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Richer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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