

Dear Ms. Jackson:

My thanks to you and your organization for your effort in developing the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Stibnite Gold Project.

Perpetua Resources' proposed Stibnite Gold Project, specifically the Modified Mine Plan via Burntlog road outlined in the SDEIS, represents our generation's best chance to repair the damage. Over the course of the proposed project, Perpetua will reconnect rivers; reduce riparian sediment; restore habitat; and improve water quality.

As the President of the Warm Lake Riders Association we appreciate the fact that Perpetua has been willing to spend time with our membership explaining what they are doing at the mine site and have shared the proposed routes for alternative access to the Landmark area. Anytime we have had questions, they are willing to come to Warm Lake to listen and make sure they understand and address our concerns.

Through comments on Perpetua's DEIS, they adjusted their mine plan to improve the environmental outcomes of the project. The SDEIS shows a 47% reduction in arsenic in the EFSF of the Salmon River on site and a 40% off site. It also shows a 60% reduction in antimony in the EFSF of the Salmon River on site and a 57% reduction off site. (Tables on 4.9-18)

The SDEIS also indicates that "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.

I urge the U.S. Forest Service to approve the 2021 Modified Mine Plan without delay. The region has waited long enough to see renewed mining activity and environmental remediation.

I appreciate your consideration of my comments. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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President

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