

I have been following Perpetua Resources' plans for several years and I hope it can be restored to productive use. The Stibnite Gold Project presents an opportunity to put an abandoned mine site to use to provide America with a domestic source of critical minerals we need. I appreciate the chance to comment on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS).

When regulators review a project, all the worst-case scenarios are considered. The SDEIS concluded that the risk of a spill large enough to have a negative impact on fish would be low. Plus, regulators noted Perpetua's planned spill response resources and trained responders indicated a spill from a vehicle traveling up to site would be promptly contained and cleaned up. These things are important and a clear commitment to a culture of safety and environmental protection. These are just two small examples of why I hope you will permit the Stibnite Gold Project to proceed using the preferred alternative.

This project is a true opportunity for Idaho. After six years of intense review, I request that the the U.S. Forest Service permit the 2021 Modified Mine Plan to allow this brownfield site to be restored as soon as possible.

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