

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the NEPA Comment Period. I have been closely following Perpetua Resources' plans since they first came into our state, in large part because some of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities. The Stibnite Gold Project could help us restore an abandoned mine site.

I am supportive of Perpetua Resources' refined plan in large part because regulators named it as their preferred alternative. The USFS indicated it was the best option for mining the site because it eliminated the need for perpetual water treatment, had a better access route and did a better job managing stream temperatures. Regulators would not have identified Perpetua's plan as their favorite unless they were confident the company could minimize impacts to the environment and community while mining for gold and the critical mineral antimony.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward, especially now with the further improvements to water quality conditions on site. This is just one example of how the permitting process has worked to improve the plan.

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