

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.

America needs antimony and gold. We need to strengthen our supply chains and bring mining home. I know people are concerned about mining's impacts on the environment but regulators identified Perpetua Resources refined plan as it preferred alternative because they determined the company could mine while minimizing impacts on the environment and communities. One of the ways the company does that is by using Burntlog Road. This reduces the number of stream crossings for mine traffic compared to the Johnson Creek Route, reduces the chances of accidents with recreationalists and minimizes the impacts of potential spills. By keeping traffic away from river crossings, it also lowers sedimentation impacts from mining.

After reading my letter, I hope you can see why you should permit the Stibnite Gold Project. This project is a good thing for Idaho, helps decrease America's dependence on foreign countries for a critical mineral and cleans up the environment. The company also continued to refine its plan in response to the permitting process, so it has the smallest footprint possible and results in improved water quality conditions on site.

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