

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the last 2 years, I've had the opportunity to visit with various staff members of Perpetua Resources and hear the amazing things that they are willing to do to make sure to protect the environment, communities and fisheries. When I was initially asked to write a letter of support I reached out to Dale Kerner and asked for him to provide information of the proposed plan of operation and the opposition to the project. While I am a part of the mining industry, I am aware that there are some bad actors in the industry and did not want to support something that was going to be a detriment to society. After reviewing the information, I came to the conclusion that Perpetua is very open to discuss the project with ALL. They had consulted with the local communities, churches, organization, Tribes, NGO groups, and any one who had a concern or comment. With this information they constructed a permit application that incorporated these concerns and mitigated them to the best possible outcome. I do understand that there is still some opposition to the project and that there always will be some that just do not support a project. I believe that Perpetua has done an amazing job and that all mining companies could learn from this project. I personally support that this project move forward.

I am impressed that they have started reclamation efforts on the old abandoned mine site and have assumed some of the liability associated with the abandoned mine site. This shows to me the integrity of the company and wanting to do the right thing.

As the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies review the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and determine the course of action, I encourage you to consider the positive benefits Perpetua Resources will have on Idaho, especially now that the company has reduced its environmental footprint and made further improvements to water quality. This truly is a win-win opportunity for Idahoans and the environment.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

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