

Forest Supervisor

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Forest Supervisor,

I wish to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project and the environmental impact statement published by the forest service. I've been working on the Stibnite mine site cleanup actions as an employee of IMCO, and worked with Perpetua staff, the Forest Service and the EPA. When I first got to Stibnite, I was surprised at the extent of disturbance to the area, that place is an environmental disaster. The stream diversion we constructed, especially the DMEA and the Hennessey creek diversion, are great examples of what can be accomplished through a waste cleanup project.

We made good progress at Stibnite, but there is a lot more work to do. I've never seen a site where a river actually flows through a mining pit. Perpetua's plan to mine the site and then restore the river overtop of the pits is well thought out and would actually fix this issue. Furthermore, they have plans to do a lot of stream restoration work on the site which would improve habitat for fish. It is my understanding that Perpetua would be building a water treatment plant for the mine, and also constructing a cover system over the waste rock dumps. These are exactly the kind of forward thinking actions that will cleanup water quality on the site. I've looked at the supplemental environmental impact statement, and its not clear how the restoration and the water cleanup action compare to the current conditions, but these types of actions are commonly used in minesite cleanup projects and river restoration projects. I have no doubt that they would also work well at the Stibnite Site.

I request that the forest supervisor approve the Stibnite Gold Mine under the 2021 modified mine plan alternative and allow operations and full site restoration and cleanup to begin at once.

Sincerely,

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