



January 5, 2023

Ms. Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 N. Mission Street, Building 2
McCall, ID 83638

Subject: Stibnite Gold Project

Dear Grants Review Panel:

As a business owner, I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair. Today, fish cannot swim past the Yellow Pine pit and heavy metals are leaching into the ground and surface water. The stibnite Gold Project can leave the conditions better than they are today.

The plans the company has proposed allows the project to finance environmental reclamation and provide the workforce and resources necessary to complete it. If Perpetua Resources is not allowed to move forward with its plan, this area in Idaho's backcountry will continue to suffer.

Currently, salmon are being blocked from their native spawning grounds and hundreds of tons of sediment are pouring into the watershed each year. It is beyond time to address these issues and Perpetua has the right plan and intentions to do it. In the 2021 Modified Mine Plan, the company reduced the project footprint by 13%, cut back on mined material by 10%, eliminated the need for long-term water treatment, and proposed a safer route to the site utilizing the Burnt Log Road. I believe the company is taking the steps needed to protect the area and mine it safely.

I would truly like to see this project finally come to life.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jason Speer
Owner – The Roxy Theatre
Cascade, ID