

The Stibnite Gold Project presents a big opportunity for Idaho. Without this project, the conditions at Stibnite will likely never get better. Fish will continue to be blocked from their spawning grounds by an abandoned mine pit and legacy tailings will continue to degrade water quality. The project also presents an opportunity for America. It could help secure a domestic source of antimony, so we can stop our import reliance on this critical mineral. This is an important project and I appreciate the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Perpetua Resources' public permitting process.

In reviewing the SDEIS, it is clear to me Perpetua has been thoughtful on how to minimize its impacts during mining. For example, the company is going to construct a passageway to reconnect fish to upstream habitat before mining even begins. Fish have not been able to swim past the Yellow Pine pit for more than 80 years. The analysis in the document says this will help limit the impacts of habitat reduction for fish. We need the minerals from the Stibnite Gold Project and I believe the company has demonstrated they can mine safely and protect the environment.

I urge you to approve Perpetua Resources' project. The Stibnite Gold Project will provide a huge benefit to our community and the local environment and the company has taken the time to reduce its footprint and improve water quality at site. The permitting process is designed to move the best plans forward and I feel that is what we will do with the 2021 Modified Mine Plan.

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