

I am pleased to submit my comments in support of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents an excellent opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, Idaho's economy and provide our nation with the much-needed critical mineral element antimony. Today, America relies on China and Russia to provide us with antimony. The Stibnite Gold Project could help us secure a domestic source of antimony.

When regulators are reviewing a project, they are considering all the worst-case scenarios. Which is why I was pleased when I saw the SDEIS concluded that the risk of a spill large enough to have a negative impact on fish would be low. Additionally, regulators said they believe with Perpetua's planned spill response resources and trained responders that a spill from a vehicle traveling up to site would be promptly contained and cleaned up. These things are important and signal a larger culture's of safety and commitment to the environment. These are just two small examples of why I hope you will permit the Stibnite Gold Project using the preferred alternative.

Thank you for reviewing my comments. Again, after the USFS has lead a rigorous review process, I urge you to permit Perpetua Resources' carefully thought out plan as outlined under the 2021 Modified Mine Plan.

Robert Bayer