

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the public permitting process. I know this project will have a positive impact on the environment, communities surrounding the site and Idahoans.

I have been involved extensively with permits and the permit process in Idaho and with the US Forest Service. I was President and COO of the Company that owned and permitted the Idaho Cobalt Project near Salmon, Idaho. Constant delays caused by repeated and unnecessary additional studies and reviews needs to be dealt with and solved. Projects such as this need to move forward in order to provide for the jobs and the minerals that the state and country require.

One of the things that has always impressed me about Perpetua Resources is the company's commitment to using mining to leave Stibnite in better condition than they found it. It is no secret the site is not in great condition today. Water quality has been harmed by legacy mine waste and fish cannot swim past the Yellow Pine pit. Once Perpetua has mined the Yellow Pine pit, the company plans to backfill the pit and restore the natural flow of the river. This will permanently reconnect fish to high quality habitat further upstream. But instead of waiting until mining is complete, Perpetua is proposing to provide temporary access for fish by building a passageway around the pit. The SDEIS concluded this decision will limit the overall impact of habitat reduction for fish in the area of the active mine and also reduce the impacts of dewatering the diversion and stream channel elimination. Perpetua's decision to build a fish passageway proves to me that they are willing to go above and beyond to protect wildlife and the environment.

The permitting process is working. The plan for the Stibnite Gold Project is improved. Now, it is time to move this project forward to a final record of decision.

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