

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). I believe the project can help stop America's import reliance on antimony and address legacy impacts in the historic Stibnite Mining District. I hope my letter will help as you evaluate the recently published SDEIS.

The number of analyses and scientific research completed does represent the best and preferred alternative. Time and efforts by both the proponent and reviewing regulatory bodies should be taken into account when making sound judgement decisions to utilize our natural resources. The NEPA allows for that and it appears Perpetua Resources' has done a good job of it.

I am supportive of Perpetua Resources' refined plan in large part because regulators named it as their preferred alternative. The USFS indicated it was the best option for mining the site because it eliminated the need for perpetual water treatment, had a better access route and did a better job managing stream temperatures. Regulators would not have identified Perpetua's plan as their preferred option unless they were confident the company could minimize impacts to the environment and community while mining for gold and the critical mineral antimony. Furthermore, operational compliance should be established to ensure all parties are consistent to proposed actions and commitments.

I hope you can see why you should permit the Stibnite Gold Project. This project is a good thing for Idaho, helps decrease America's dependence on foreign countries for a critical mineral and cleans up the environment. The company also continued to refine its plan in response to the permitting process, so it has the smallest footprint possible and results in improved water quality conditions on site.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment and responsible mining should continue to play a part in strengthening Idaho's local economy while being a good partner to the environment.

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