

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments in support of the Stibnite Project. This project is important to everyone in the U.S. because it can provide America with a domestically mined source of antimony and restore an abandoned mine site.

One of the things that has always impressed me about Perpetua Resources is the company's commitment 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. 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. This aspect of the project is unprecedented.

The USFS has been reviewing the project for the last six years. During this time, the company has reduced the project size by 13% in the SDEIS, decreased maximum water temperature to keep it at or below baseline conditions and eliminated the need for long-term water treatment. The review process is working and now we need regulators to advance the project as expeditiously as possible.

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