

I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. The project would finally address legacy mining issues that have been plaguing the site for decades and help secure the minerals we need for America's future. The company has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to adopt the proposed activities outlined in the company's 2021 Modified Mine Plan during the 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.

Perpetua Resources wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. After reviewing the project for six years, I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the project forward with the improvements laid out in the SDEIS.

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