

Perpetua Resources is mining the only source and means of antimony sufficient to offset Chinese monopoly of this and other rare minerals. I have fished and ratted on the Middle and South Forks of the Salmon. I am a believer in Native American or original peoples rights and are cognizant of the wrongs done to them by their fellow Americans. However, this is an issue of national security. The good of the many is at risk.

I support the preferred alternative because it will help minimize the impacts of mine traffic and reduce the risk of accidents and spills. According to the SDEIS, less than 10 miles of the Burntlog Route is within a half mile of a waterway compared to 27 miles on Johnson Creek. The Johnson Creek Route would put our community and fish at greater risk if there was ever an accident or spill while Perpetua was traveling to site. I want to keep traffic as far away from rivers, streams and creeks as possible.

Reviewing Perpetua Resources' improved plans it is clear to me the company really believes in taking care of the environment and keeping the community safe. That is why they reduced water temperatures, improved water quality and shrunk the project footprint by 13 percent. I urge you to trust in your own review process and permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

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