

I am writing to express my views on Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. The opportunity presented by the project is compelling for many reasons and I am committed to seeing come to fruition. This is the best opportunity to clean up legacy tailings and waste, reconnect fish to miles of spawning grounds that they have been blocked from for 80 years and restore a river. Without Perpetua Resources, the site will likely never get the environmental attention it needs.

I have been involved in permitting processes my entire working life and have witnessed the same strategies employed by a small number of vocal opponents to impact the public perception of the mine project. They claim to have hired an impartial economist to support their arguments against the project. Any fool can see that the report issued is biased in support of the opponents positions.

I have spent a lot of time both in the Meadow Creek and Burntlog Road area and most times I see few or no other people using those areas. A comment was made that the Burntlog route (38 miles) is adjacent to the Frank Church for a mile. Many times I have seen project opponents make claims like this. The public has already set boundaries for protection but opponents attempt to expand those protections to include areas adjacent.

Opponents talk about the size of the project as being too large but is actually smaller than the recent West Mountain fire with all of its impacts.

It is time for this nation to suck it up and return to a time that we rely on our own natural resources to advance this countries interests and not let ourselves be held hostage by other nations pursuing an agenda counter to our interests.

I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness in the review process. The U.S. Forest Service has not cut any corners over the past 6 years analyzing the project and I've appreciated the opportunities to provide feedback. For the reasons I stated in my letter above, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

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