

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair. Today, fish cannot swim past the Yellow Pine pit and heavy metals are leaching into the ground and surface water. The Stibnite Gold Project can leave the conditions better than they are today.

America needs antimony and gold. We need to strengthen our supply chains and bring mining home. I know people are concerned about mining's impacts on the environment but regulators identified Perpetua Resources refined plan as it preferred alternative because they determined the company could mine while minimizing impacts on the environment and communities. One of the ways the company does that is by using Burntlog Road. This reduces the number of stream crossings for mine traffic compared to the Johnson Creek Route, reduces the chances of accidents with recreationalists and minimizes the impacts of potential spills. By keeping traffic away from river crossings, it also lowers sedimentation impacts from mining.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. It has been in regulatory review for the past six years. During this time, public comments and scientific analysis has helped to improve the plan. But now it is time to move it forward. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan presented by Perpetua Resources in the SDEIS, as expeditiously as possible.

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