

I am a native Idahoan and support Perpetua's Stibnite Gold Project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement period for the Stibnite Gold Project. This project could help stop our import reliance on China and Russia for antimony and improve environmental conditions at an abandoned mine site. It is important to me to see this project move forward.

Given the region's history, I was skeptical when I first heard about this project. Still, Perpetua is going out of its way to put environmental safety and restoration front and center. The USFS identified the company's 2021 Modified Mine Plan as its preferred alternative. The refined plan eliminates the need for long-term water treatment, incorporates measures to manage stream temperatures, and reduces impacts associated with access and transportation on Johnson Creek. The fact that regulators named the company's plan as its preferred alternative gives me great confidence in its plan. Plus, regulators have concluded the Modified Mine Plan will let Perpetua mine while considering environmental, economic, and technical factors.

Let Idahoans see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project. The USFS has reviewed the project for the last six years. During this time, the company has reduced the project size by 13% in the SDEIS, decreased the 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 we need regulators to advance the project as expeditiously as possible.

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