

I have reviewed Perpetua Resources' plans and understand the Stibnite Gold Project. I am impressed with the company's commitment to use modern mining to leave the area better than they found it, while providing our nation with the minerals we need. I feel disappointed by the slow progress being made to finalize the project. Below are my comments on the plan to be included in the project record.

I am pleased to see Perpetua Resources wants to take responsibility for previous owners and clean up the damage left behind by irresponsible mining operations. Perpetua has a plan to reunite salmon and trout with their spawning grounds for the first time in 80 years. They plan to provide permanent access to approximately 25 miles of perennial stream and 6 miles of anadromous fish spawning habitat, and the company has agreed to install a temporary fish passageway that will allow fish to swim past the old mining pit before mining even begins. The SDEIS concludes providing volitional passage would result in major, permanent, regional and beneficial effects for fish. Perpetua Resources is our best chance to rewrite the history of the site and finally fix longstanding environmental issues.

When the WORK has been planned, it's time to WORK the PLAN. Anytime a plan to improve the environment and produce a product that is in great demand for improving the economy, those in charge or hold the power to get things moving have an opportunity to improve the lives of many people. I strongly encourage the officials of the U.S. Forest Service to select the 2021 Modified Mine Plan Perpetua Resources presented and permit the project.

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