

I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua has shown they are committed to Idaho and the net benefit of addressing current environmental issues at the site. The company designed its project to clean up legacy waste, reconnect salmon to native spawning grounds and the watershed's largest source of sediment. The Stibnite Gold Project would improve water quality and restore the functionality of wetlands.

We can't continue to reject mining projects within the borders of the US and rely on foreign production of minerals needed to support the lifestyle of US citizens. Perpetua has gone to great lengths to engage the public and regulatory agencies in design of the project. Selection of the No Action alternative or endless delay in approval of the project will result in suspension of financing for Perpetua and the subsequent employment and tax base the project would have provided.

There is no reason to justify rejection of this project. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward. The permitting process is designed to advance the best plans possible. I believe the work of regulators over the past six years is proof this is what is happening with the Stibnite Gold Project. The thorough review process has been beneficial but there should be no more delays. The project should move forward in a timely manner.

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