

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the SDEIS for the Stibnite Gold Project. This project is important for Idaho's future and our nation's future. Perpetua Resources has a plan to leave the site better than they found it and produce antimony, a mineral we need for our national defense and clean energy future.

The SDEIS concludes there will be net benefits associated with the Stibnite Gold Project. Some of those benefits will occur before mining even starts. For example, Perpetua Resources will construct a fishway that allows fish to travel to upstream habitat that they have been unable to reach for decades. Because of this the SDEIS said the greatest benefit to Chinook salmon and steelhead passage will occur during construction, when the fishway is built. Perpetua eventually plans to restore the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River, so access to upstream waters is permanently restored for fish. I want to see the conditions at Stibnite improve. I know Perpetua Resources can make it happen.

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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