

I have long been familiar with Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. It recovers valuable minerals, one being antimony which is a critical metal that is currently sourced from Russia and China, both competitor countries which do not have USA's interests at heart nor the environment's. Those countries are two of the dirtiest miners in the world and by importing their products we are contributing to the unnecessary degradation of the environment. Environmentalists have a catch phrase of "think globally, act locally". Sourcing minerals from the U.S. mining industry is acting responsibly and sensibly by keeping mineral production in a country that has some of the most comprehensive and protective environmental regulations in the world.

I have worked in the minerals industry for over 40 years and it is my opinion that Perpetua's refined plan, identified as the preferred alternative in the SDEIS, is the safest option for Idahoans. In this plan, Perpetua will utilize the Burntlog Route and not travel along Johnson Creek. This will help reduce the impacts of mine traffic on roads used by recreationalists. Burntlog is also a much safer option. In fact, the SDEIS says there are more avalanches and rockfalls along the Johnson Creek Route and these incidents are more significant in size. It would be unwise to route mine traffic on a road with so many known risks and would likely increase the possibility of accidents. Therefore, I support the preferred alternative using Burntlog Road.

By sourcing critical minerals from America with a well regulated mine / environmental plan and at the same time mitigating historic mining degradation and preventing future acid mine runoff from these old mining operations and remaining exposed mineral bodies, an obvious win-win scenario is created.

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