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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street, Building 2
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RE: Support the Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am writing to request your immediate support for Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. Following a review of the US Forest Service's Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS), it is clear that this project presents an exceptional opportunity for Idaho to provide for our communities and prioritize our people through targeted education, employment, and training opportunities.

My forty-year career in the nuclear industry has taught me a lot about corporate citizenship and accountability. The emphasis on environmental stewardship and safety at the Stibnite Gold Project has impressed me. Typically, corporations that understand the long-term importance of these issues outperform those that focus on short-term profits.

The Stibnite Gold Project is a fantastic opportunity to clean up years of environmental degradation caused by previous mining projects. Many environmental legacies have persisted to this day, including damaged fish habitats, deforestation, abandoned pits, and accelerated erosion. Perpetua is committed to completely cleaning up these legacies through private investment at no cost to taxpayers. Their plan would not only preserve existing wildlife and the environment but would also leave it in better condition than they found it. Without this private investment, repairs would be a prohibitively expensive endeavor for our state and its taxpayers.

Furthermore, Perpetua's 2021 Modified Mine Plan (MMP) to use the Burntlog Route to access the site as the Preferred Alternative. The 2021 MMP will improve water quality, eliminate the need for permanent water treatment, improved water temperature, fewer stream crossings, and the safest route of transportation for community and the environment.

Thank you for your time. Please approve Perpetua Resources 2021 MMP as the Preferred Alternative for the U.S. Forest Service's Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Lent".

Sen. Dave Lent