

I am proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. I am concerned about domestic production of critical minerals and believe we need to be doing more of it. This project will produce America's only source of antimony, a mineral our national security and clean energy future depends upon. Better yet, it will leave the site in better condition than it is today. We need way more responsible mining in the US and in Idaho, not less. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

When regulators are reviewing a project, they are considering all the worst-case scenarios. Which is why I was pleased when I saw the SDEIS concluded that the risk of a spill large enough to have a negative impact on fish would be low. Additionally, regulators said they believe with Perpetua's planned spill response resources and trained responders that a spill from a vehicle traveling up to site would be promptly contained and cleaned up. These things are important and signal a larger cultural of safety and commitment to the environment. We need to have safeguards to protect the environment, and Perpetua is meeting these standards in stride. We all want a healthy environment, but we also need production of critical resources. There is a way to blend both missions, and that starts with a permit. I hope you will permit the Stibnite Gold Project using the preferred alternative.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward, especially now with the further improvements to water quality conditions on site and additional analysis contained within this supplemental EIS.

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