

January 10, 2023

Ms. Linda Jackson
Payette National Forest Supervisor
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RE: Stibnite Gold Project Draft EIS Public Comment

Ms. Linda Jackson,

I am in a unique position as a resident of Valley County and an employee of Perpetua Resources. I have lived in the McCall area for the past 15 years. We have two daughters, one attending Payette Lakes Middle School and the other attending McCall Donnelly High School. My wife and I have been strong supporters of our community, my wife as the president of the local youth soccer association for the past 5 years and I as a volunteer soccer coach for the girl's high school team. Our girls are also volunteer ski instructors at the Little Ski Hill. We were lucky enough to be able to raise our girls here in a place where they can live and play in the outdoors. This past summer my older daughter worked for the Forest Service as part of the Youth Conservation Core which was a great program where she learned about many of the professions within the Forest Service while spending her summer in our forests and enjoying the outdoors.

My profession of being a GIS professional for the past 25 + years has given me the opportunity to work in several fields. Most recently for the past 14 years with the City of McCall as the GIS Analyst. When I decided to take this position at Perpetua, I had to feel that the company and the people working for it were doing so with the best interests of our area in mind. I have worked closely with the ASAOC cleanup project as my job requires that I create maps and figures of the project as well as in-the-field mapping. This project, which is cleaning up the site to improve the water quality, is one of the ways the company is proving their commitment to our local environmental quality.

Perpetua's mining plan to restore the site as they are mining, is one that I feel truly puts restoration and reclamation at the forefront of the company's values. Again, having the opportunity to work with our team of geologists, engineers, and consultants to create a plan that not only reclaims the site but does so in a way that leaves it in a far better condition than it is currently has given me the trust that they are truly working to create a better environment in the future for others like me who live, recreate and raise their families here.

I am aware of the concerns for the environment with a project like this, but I feel that the project site currently has been damaged and left to continually pollute our rivers and streams. Without the development of this project, that existing environmental impact will continue. I personally would prefer to have a company that has invested this level of effort in creating a plan of operations that is this heavily invested in not only leaving the site restored to a state better than it currently is, but to also manage the mining operations as environmentally sound as possible to be in the long-term best interest of our area.

With all the above in mind I would ask for your approval of the 2021 MMP.

Thank you,

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