

I am writing to express my views on Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. The opportunity presented by the project is compelling for many reasons and I am committed to seeing come to fruition. This is the best opportunity to clean up legacy tailings and waste, reconnect fish to miles of spawning grounds that they have been blocked from for 80 years and restore a river. Without Perpetua Resources, the site will likely never get the environmental attention it deserves.

After reviewing the SDEIS, the 2021 Modified Mine Plan appears to be the alternative that best minimizes adverse environmental impacts as required in the Forest Service's regulations. The company has very comprehensive mitigation measures to protect the natural habitat, wildlife and fish. As a private citizen, I appreciate that in addition to the lengthy NEPA review provided by the U.S. Forest Service the Stibnite Gold Project will also be required to comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including those governing financial assurance. This knowledge makes me feel comfortable supporting the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and encouraging you to move it forward. Perpetua Resources has proven they are listening to community feedback. The company has gone back to reduce the footprint, improve water quality, so there is no need for long-term treatment, and ensure water temperatures stay at or below current conditions.

For the above reasons and many more, please move forward with the 2021 Modified Mine Plan for the Stibnite Gold Project as it is important to all Idahoans. After more than 12 years of scientific analysis by the company and six years of regulatory review that the project, we should not have to wait much longer to recognize the project's benefits.

My family work in the industry and we all support this project.

Lori Cowan