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Payette National Forest
Linda Jackson, Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street
McCall, Idaho 83638

RE: Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project EIS

Dear Ms. Jackson,

My name is Mark Stockton, I am the Vice President of Sustainability at Integra Resources, a development-stage mining company in Idaho. I am writing in support of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to get to know the team at Perpetua and learn about their plans to restore a brownfields site. Given my experience with the company and knowledge of the project, I urge the U.S. Forest Service to move forward by permitting the project using the identified preferred alternative in the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Given my role at Integra and experience within this vital industry, sustainability is of great importance to me. Businesses need to be leaders in taking care of the environment, bettering their communities and operating with integrity and transparency. I've watched Perpetua Resources over the last decade and I am impressed with the track record the company has established. Time and time again, Perpetua has proved its commitment to doing the right thing. In a world increasingly built upon minerals and metals, it is imperative that governments around the world support mining companies that act responsibly.

Perpetua Resources has intentionally designed its project to clean up an abandoned mine site. The company is even proposing addressing environmental issues, like Blowout Creek, that are outside of its project footprint. This is not required of the company but a testament to its desire to leave the historical Stibnite Mining District better than they found it. The company's fish passageway is yet another example of Perpetua's desire to bring solutions to the project site early on. Fish have been blocked from their native spawning grounds by the Yellow Pine pit since the 1930s. Perpetua plans to restore the natural pathway of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River when it is done re-mining the pit, this



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will permanently reconnect migration channels. However, the company decided that wasn't fast enough, so they are going to invest millions of dollars in creating a temporary passageway to get fish back to their spawning grounds before mining begins.

With how the Stibnite Gold Project is designed, Idahoans will be able to see the benefits of the project well before mining has concluded.

Perpetua Resources has also shown it is a good corporate citizen. The company is actively engaged in supporting the community and regularly solicits and responds to input from local residents. According to the company's 2021 sustainability report, Perpetua Resources has held more than 1,000 community presentations and meetings since 2015. Input from these meetings and the previous comment period helped Perpetua refine its plan and reduce its footprint, water temperature on site and improve water quality. Perpetua Resources has also given more than \$160,000 in charitable giving since 2019. This money has gone to help support educational programs, improve infrastructure at local parks and purchase warm clothing for students during the winter.

In reviewing the SDEIS, I feel confident Perpetua Resources has outlined a project that will allow the company to safely mine and reduces impacts to the environment and local communities, while also providing critical minerals, family-wage jobs and many other benefits to Idaho.

I urge the U.S. Forest Service to complete the permitting process as quickly as possible, so the benefits of the project can be realized.

Sincerely,



Mark Stockton
Vice President of Sustainability, Integra Resources

