

As a consultant working on the Stibnite Gold Project for the past 5 years, I have great respect for the Perpetua Resources team and the hard work, dedication, and integrity they have all demonstrated. These individuals and their families live, work, and recreate in Idaho and have worked tirelessly to develop a mining project that will benefit our great state while protecting our precious environment for future generations. Over my 30+ year career, I have worked with many mining companies that do the bare minimum necessary to gain regulatory approval and start mining. Perpetua Resources is an exception. Not only have they gone to great lengths to ensure a safe and environmentally responsible operation, but they will also be cleaning up and improving an area that has been heavily impacted by historic mining operations that were not subject to the rigorous environmental regulations we have today. These types of legacy impacts have left an indelible stain on the mining industry and eroded the public's trust in mining operations. However, mining provides valuable resources necessary for the things we all use every day, from our cell phones and computers to our homes, cars, medical equipment and nearly everything in between. That's why I'm proud to be a part of this project and work with a mining company that is an environmental steward willing to go well above and beyond the minimum requirements to protect the environment and our natural resources.

As an Idaho native, I fully support this project and encourage the USFS to permit Perpetua Resources' project as outlined in the 2021 Modified Mine Plan.

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