

November 14, 2022

Payette National Forest
500 N. Mission St. Bldg. #2
Attention: Forest Supervisor
McCall, Idaho 83638

Perpetua Resources/Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho, particularly rural Idaho, with a huge economic and environmental opportunity. I am writing to encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

During the summer of 1993 while a non-traditional BS student at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston between semesters, I worked at Stibnite as an assistant cook and on-site emergency medical person after receiving training to resuscitate victims of cyanide poisoning and having prior minor emergency training for several years in the backcountry. During that time, I had the opportunity to witness the filthy, gray-green stream that ran through the mining camp maintained for the workers and often their families. The smell was so horrific that it was difficult for many of us to breathe. The showers operated for the workers were filthy and the water used for bathing was of the same condition. Water in the kitchen where the food was prepared also stank and was not clean. [It should also be noted that shortly after the mining season ended, at least one member of a miner's family who lived next to the creek in the campground suddenly died from an unknown cause].

Fast-forward to the fall of 2019: I was given the opportunity to again visit the Stibnite area. What a difference! The creek was crystal-clear, beautiful, and had no odor. The grounds were spotless and well-maintained with newer buildings, and I so wished this was the time I could have been there working. If only people from McCall, the environmental groups, the Nez Perce Tribe, and the Forest Service could have witnessed what I did! My personal observations and experiences have convinced me how important it is to send this letter urging you to accept Perpetua Resources/Midas Gold Idaho's plan and continue moving this project forward to benefit our local people, the State of Idaho, our country, and ultimately the fish and wildlife in the area.

Thank You,



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