



Idaho House of Representatives

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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street, Building 2
McCall, ID 83638

RE: Approve Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project

Dear Permitting Officials,

As a fourth-generation Idahoan and the incoming Representative for District 27, I am always looking for opportunities to benefit the Gem State. Please review this letter of support for why I strongly believe Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project is an ideal opportunity for Idaho.

By approving the Supplemental Draft EIS for Stibnite Gold, Perpetua would be able to:

- Domestically source the critical mineral of antimony. Currently, 90% of the global antimony supply is sourced from Russia, China, and Tajikistan. Stibnite is the only identified reserve of antimony in the US.
- Providing 500-600 jobs in the Valley County region and, ultimately, invest \$1 billion into the community.
- Restore an abandoned mine site in desperate need of repair. Perpetua's restoration plans include the cleanup of more than 10 million tons of legacy tailings and waste, reconnection of 20 miles of river habitat that have been blocked for 80 years, and greatly reduce arsenic levels in the East Fork South Fork Salmon River.

As an avid outdoorsman and businessman, I admire Perpetua's commitment to responsible mining practices. Their business model, both economically and environmentally, will prove to be a template for the future mining industry. For these reasons, I ask the USFS to approve the SDEIS for Perpetua's Stibnite Gold Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Handy".

Clay Handy
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