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

RE: Comment Letter on the Stibnite Gold Project Modified Mine Plan with Burntlog Route

Dear Ms. Jackson:

I, Doug Stowers, urge the United States Forest Service to issue a "Record of Decision" as soon as possible to approve the Stibnite Gold Project (SGP). The approval would be vital in achieving local, national and global strategic benefits that would restore economic stability in central Idaho, protect our environment, and lessen our nation's demand on foreign countries to provide key elements in the production of consumer products that are significant in having a "greener", more environmentally friendly planet.

As part in the plight to end our dependence for the critical element, antimony from foreign lands, such as Russia and China, it is to our fortune that one of the world's largest deposits of antimony lie within the footprint of the Stibnite Gold Project. As good stewards of our planet, we now have the ability to monitor and oversee this delicate extraction process, making certain that within our arm's length, we are doing our part to protect the environment for generations to come. We simply cannot bestow our trust upon foreign nations, (some third world) to correctly/safely deploy any other extraction process than the one from Perpetua Resources that has been specially designed for the Stibnite area and proven to be perfectly environmentally friendly.

As multiple generational residents of central Idaho, my family has witnessed firsthand the suffrage caused by government officials that implemented broad sweeping environmental protection measures that were closed minded and

failed to factor the economic impact of the people that live within. These measures decimated our small towns to a point where poverty was prevalent and the pursuit of the American dream often meant that the application for food stamps was successfully submitted. Today, although we understand that the measures taken were vitally important to the preservation of Central Idaho's landscape and wildlife, we realize that the "human element" can now be factored in while devising a plan for environmental protection because of the scientific discovery of ulterior methods that previously were nonexistent. Perpetua Resources has designed plans to overcome multiple environmental issues that have gone by the wayside for decades and many would be substantially beneficial to central Idaho's residents and its wildlife. One example is a plan to construct a fish bypass tunnel that would aid anadromous salmon and steelhead in returning to historic spawning grounds that have not been accessible to these creatures in over 80 years! Another example is a detailed plan to reprocess old mine tailings that currently contain hazardous amounts of mercury and other destructive elements, extracting amounts that would stop harming the areas fish, wildlife and residents.

In my humble opinion, it seems unbelievable that America has become dependent on foreign countries such as Russia and China for this critical mineral, so again, the SGP needs to move forward without delay. As residents of the Unites States of America, we humbly admit that our natural resources are key in devising a greener future for our planet. At the same time we proudly profess that we, more than any other, because of education, open mindedness, and a passion to thrive, can manage the extraction of key minerals such as antimony in a way that leaves our landscapes better than they were yesterday. This FACT cannot be said about Chinese or Russian residents within their own boarders. Please act in allowing these permits without hesitation.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to comment for the support of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project.

Sincerely,

Doug Stowers,

