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Comments: Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am writing in regard to the Stibnite Gold Project SDEIS. I am very concerned about reclamation of the site after mining is completed. Existing soils in the project area are poor and contaminated with toxic metals. The SDEIS says that there is very little soil at the site available for reclamation and that organic matter would have to be trucked in. This would be a huge expense, both to Perpetua and from a climate standpoint.

I have seen the revegetation efforts at nearby Thunder Mountain (see attached photos). Trees were planted on the mined landscape forty years ago. It is hard to imagine how long it will take them to create enough topsoil so that some kind of natural ecosystem exists. When those trees were planted the summers were cooler and wetter - now they are hot and dry. Do you really expect your reclamation plans to succeed? Did reclamation discussions/models consider the effects of climate change?

I have many other concerns about the Stibnite Gold Project, and ask that you choose the NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE.