

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement period for the Stibnite Gold Project. This project could help stop our import reliance on China and Russia for antimony and improve environmental conditions at an abandoned mine site. It is important to me to see this project move forward.

Perpetua Resources has studied Stibnite for the past 12 years. The company has identified a safe way to mine the site, while minimizing environmental impacts in the Burntlog Route and providing our nation with a source of the critical mineral antimony. Today, there is no mined antimony in the United States and that concerns me. Antimony is crucial to our national security. It is found in every military bullet, uniform and flare. Simply put, we need antimony to keep our troops and country safe. The Stibnite Gold Project would meet 35% of America's antimony demand. This is clearly a project we need to move forward.

As the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies review the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and determine the course of action, I encourage you to consider the positive benefits Perpetua Resources will have on Idaho, especially now that the company has reduced its environmental footprint and made further improvements to water quality. This truly is a win-win opportunity for Idahoans and the environment. After years of careful scrutiny by regulators and the community, it is time for us to make these benefits a reality.

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