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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 the Stibnite Gold Project

Dear Ms. Linda Jackson,

As an Idaho Representative and former educator, I am deeply invested in Idaho's future and generating sound opportunities here for our state's youth. Therefore, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the U.S. Forest Service's supplemental draft EIS on the Stibnite Gold Project and encourage you to permit this project as soon as possible.

Overall, the project proposed by Perpetua Resources Idaho should be distinguished for its unprecedented economic, environmental and community commitments.

Perpetua has an important plan to become a steward of environmental restoration. The project proposed by the company will take an area damaged by 100 years of mining activity and invest the capital needed to make that beautiful area healthy once again.

Perpetua has already acted on its pledge to make this process a community-centric initiative. By creating and signing their 2018 Community Partnership Agreement which led to the formation of the Stibnite Advisory Council, Perpetua Resources has given local communities an equal voice to provide input on the project design and created a system of transparency and accountability that will continue throughout the life of the project. In 2021, the Stibnite Advisory Council created a citizen's water monitoring program to verify the ground and surface water quality conditions at Stibnite. This program is designed to independently monitor the water quality at Stibnite and it demonstrates the company's values of transparency and accountability. It's a clear indicator of this company's guarantee of being a good corporate citizen and a model that we should not take for granted.

I am pleased to welcome a company like Perpetua Resources Idaho that is clearly committed to investing in our communities and responsibly operating here for years to come. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally Toone".

Representative Sally Toone
House Minority Caucus Chair
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