

Perpetua Resources has been spending money and time over the last decade to develop a paying mine at what is currently a disaster of a superfund site.

During this time, the company and its employees have become champions and supporters of Idaho. Perpetua Resources' track record of following through on its promises and doing the right thing gives me the confidence to write in support of permitting the Stibnite Gold Project.

Our lives depend on mining. We need minerals for everything we use in our daily live. While mining is crucial, we cannot sacrifice our environment in the process. Mining must be done responsibly. When the USFS identified Perpetua's improved plan as it preferred alternative, it signaled they believe the company can limit community and environmental impacts and mine. The preferred alternative would improve water quality conditions in Meadow Creek and the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River by removing and repurposing legacy tailings. The conditions on site are not going to fix themselves. Perpetua Resources is our best beat to improve water quality.

The Stibnite Gold Project is important to Idaho, our national security and clean energy future. Regulators have been reviewing the project for the past 6 years. This time has allowed the project to improve and, now, I encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

Rick Ackermann