



## Idaho House of Representatives State of Idaho

December 1, 2022

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 Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project**

Dear Ms. Jackson,

As the newly elected representative for Legislative District 2 in Idaho, I am constantly on the lookout for ways to advance the economic and environmental health of our state. I'm writing to support the Stibnite Gold Project by Perpetua Resources after the U.S. Forest Service released its Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement. I'd like to take this chance to express my gratitude to the Forest Service for the thorough work your organization has done on this project, which has the potential to restore Idaho's lands and waterways while also bringing about significant financial gains for all Idahoans.

As an owner of a gun shop, I know the importance of the Stibnite Gold Project as it will be the only American-mined source of antimony. We need a secure source of antimony for our national defense and to protect servicemen, so that we are not dependent on foreign nations like China, Russia or Tajikistan who control 90% of the global supply of antimony. This project will access the 148-million-pound resource of antimony.

Antimony is a crucial component in ammunition and primers and is also used in infrared sensors, camouflage, aircraft, warships, and night vision goggles. This Project could satisfy about 35% of overall commercial demand in the US for antimony and all the Department of Defense (DOD) demand. The DOD awarded the company \$200,000 in SBIR grants in September to investigate whether the antimony at Stibnite meets military specifications.

For these reasons and many more, we must secure our antimony supply chain and reduce our reliance on other countries. The only near-term source of domestic antimony is Perpetua's Stibnite Gold Project. It would be a colossal mistake not to support this project.

Respectfully,

Rep. Dale Hawkins

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