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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street, Building 2
McCall, Idaho 83638

Re: Accept the SDEIS for the Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project

Attention Ms. Jackson and Staff:

As a recent member of the House Local Government and, currently, the House Business Committees, I would like to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project and respectfully ask you to swiftly approve this fantastic opportunity. The U.S. Forest Service is reviewing Perpetua Resources' Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Stibnite project, which would significantly improve the state's economy and increase opportunities for the neighborhood in many ways.

There is no doubt that the project will boost the local economy in Valley County and, of course, the state generally. It's obvious to me that we can't afford to pass up this opportunity given the \$1 billion investment and hundreds of jobs that will be created, including those for Idahoans and companies from the surrounding communities.

The Stibnite Gold Project will be the only domestic source of antimony in addition to offering a sizeable gold resource. Russia, China, and Tajikistan have a disproportionate amount (90%) of control over the world supply of antimony, a mineral that has been deemed essential to the US economy and national defense.

Additionally, the Stibnite Gold Project from Perpetua offers the ideal route for protecting our antimony supply chain. In the first six years of production, the company can supply about 35% of US antimony demand. Additionally, Perpetua has just been awarded funding from the US Department of Defense to research the antimony at Stibnite in order to see if it can meet military requirements.

I urge the US Forest Service should choose the Burntlog Alternative and continue moving this project forward through the permitting process so that we can secure a US-mined supply of antimony to help defend ourselves and our allies from Russia and China. I cannot express enough how important this is to our country's ability to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vito Barbieri".

Rep. Vito Barbieri
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