

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. The project will help restore the site, secure the minerals we need for our national security and strengthen America's supply chains. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of the National Environmental Policy Act.

I am pleased to see Perpetua Resources wants to take responsibility and clean up the damage left behind by mining operations in the early 20th Century – even though the company was not involved in any of the previous activity at the site. Perpetua has a plan to reunite salmon and trout with their spawning grounds for the first time in 80 years. They plan to provide permanent access to approximately 25 miles of perennial stream and 6 miles of anadromous fish spawning habitat, and the company has agreed to install a temporary fish passageway that will allow fish to swim past the old mining pit before mining even begins. The SDEIS concludes providing volitional passage would result in major, permanent, regional and beneficial effects for fish. Perpetua Resources is our best chance to rewrite the history of the site and finally fix longstanding environmental issues.

For the above reasons and many more, please move forward with the 2021 Modified Mine Plan for the Stibnite Gold Project as it is important to all Idahoans. After more than 12 years of scientific analysis by the company and six years of regulatory review that the project, we should not have to wait much longer to recognize the project's benefits.

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