

Ms. Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
Stibnite Gold Project
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Dear Ms. Jackson,

I have been closely following Perpetua Resources' plans for several years. The Stibnite Gold Project presents an opportunity to restore an abandoned mine site and provide our nation with the critical minerals we need. I am grateful for the opportunity to comment on their SDEIS.

I am impressed with Perpetua Resources' current dedication to repairing legacy environmental issues at the site from mining activity that took place on and off for more than 100 years. This is a major investment. Government agencies would not have the budget to perform all the necessarily reclamation work. This private/public partnership is the right approach for Idaho and will solve environmental issues while providing the area with a significant economic boost and it fits the regions comprehensive plans, ***"Both the Valley County and Adams County comprehensive plans reaffirm the importance of natural resources to their communities' economies (Adams County 2006; Valley County 2018a). The Valley County Comprehensive Plan includes goals and objectives pertinent to the SGP to ensure mining remains a viable element in Valley County's economy; to ensure new industrial activities consider long-term impacts and benefits on the local economy and environment; and, to maintain the role of the timber industry, tourism, outdoor recreation, mining, and agriculture in the local economy. Relevant goals under the Adams County Comprehensive Plan for the SGP include to provide an economically viable environment that builds and maintains a diverse base of business."*** (3-2).

In reviewing the SDEIS, I am very impressed with the further improvements the company has made to its plan. They eliminated the Fiddle Development Rock Storage Facility, reduced the project footprint again, added more plantings on site to reduce water temperature and outlined additional actions to be taken to improve water quality. It is clear to me we have a path forward that will protect Idaho's environment and allow us to mine a critical mineral our nation is currently lacking.

It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select the 2021 Modified Mine Plan Perpetua Resources presented and permit the project.

Thanks for your time,

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