



## Idaho State Senate

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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest  
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor  
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Greetings Ms. Jackson,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua has been a valued member of the Idaho community for the past 12 years and looks to build on that with this important project. I strongly support the natural resources industries in Idaho including mining and this project. Please move forward with the 2021 modified mine plan as part of the supplemental draft EIS.

One of the important aspects to the modified plan is the inclusion of the Burntlog Road. This option is clearly the safest, lowest risk transportation alternative. The company intends to travel to and from the site using this road after investing in major upgrades to it. By accessing the site using Burntlog Road vehicles will be able to stay away from major fish-bearing creeks and rivers and avoid known avalanche areas.

Further Perpetua Resources will be investing incredible amounts of money throughout the life of the mine including roughly one billion dollars during the construction phase. Thus far the company has already spent over \$300 million dollars. This is an important project and deserves all the necessary resources to review the permit and keep things progressing. I strongly urge the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phil Hart".

Senator Phil Hart  
Idaho State Senate  
Legislative District 2