

Ms. Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor  
Stibnite Gold Project  
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Attn: Linda Jackson


Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am proud to welcome Perpetua Resources into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. The project will produce America's only source of antimony, a mineral our national security and clean energy future depends upon, and leave the site in better condition than it is today. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

The permitting process has made the Stibnite Gold Project better. Perpetua Resources has listened to input from the public and regulators and found ways to reduce its project footprint, improve fish habitat and eliminate the need for long-term water treatment. Your statement in the SDEIS indicating the SGP is anticipated to result in major, permanent and localized benefits for Chinook salmon and steelhead resulting from increased access to critical habitat. As tabulated in table 4.12-3 of the SDEIS, removal of fish barriers is estimated to increase critical habitat available to salmon by 19.7 km, to steelhead by 8.7 km, and to Bull Trout by 19.5 km. I expected improvement for some species, but not all three, this is impressive. Reviewing the Burntlog Road option in the SDEIS, it is clear to me the company plans to mine the area responsibly and minimize its environmental impacts. It also should be noted that use of the Burntlog Route (in-lieu of the existing roads along the Johnson Creek Route) could lower sedimentation impacts by reducing the number of stream crossings (37 versus 43 crossings) and eliminating travel along and adjacent to Johnson Creek and the East Fork SFSR, as Johnson Creek and McCall-Stibnite roads follow and have multiple crossings of these two waterbodies. (Water Quality Specialists Report, p. 162). I hope the USFS will move this improved plan forward.

The Stibnite Gold Project has been under federal review for the last six years. That has given regulators and the public plenty of time to review the company's plan. I know this project will transform an area in need of environmental repair and secure a domestic supply of antimony. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward.

Many thanks,

  
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