



Idaho State Senate

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

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am a proponent for Idaho businesses that stimulate our state's economy, create high-quality jobs for locals, and work to protect our lands while providing for our people. It is with these qualities in mind that I write to you and the U.S. Forest Service to lend my support for Perpetua Resources and the modified mine plan as part of the supplemental draft environmental impact study.

The company has major plans to ensure that the environment is left better than what they started with, and they are already doing just that. Earlier this year Perpetua started cleanup at site and will continue to work through legacy disturbances over the life of the mine. Further before operating all mining and restoration work will be backed up with financial assurances. Perpetua's commitment to responsible mining practices will ensure the SGP will be held to the highest standard of excellence. This means Idaho's open spaces will stay protected and our abundance of natural resources will be utilized in the cleanest, most accountable ways.

Throughout the years I have appreciated Perpetua's openness with stakeholders, organizations and elected officials. Thank you for your hard work on this project and the process. I appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janie Ward-Engelking".

Janie Ward-Engelking
Idaho State Senate
Legislative District 18