

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 supportive of Perpetua Resources' refined plan in large part because regulators named it as their preferred alternative. The USFS indicated it was the best option for mining the site because it eliminated the need for perpetual water treatment, had a better access route and did a better job managing stream temperatures. Regulators would not have identified Perpetua's plan as their favorite unless they were confident the company could minimize impacts to the environment and community while mining for gold and the critical mineral antimony.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the SDEIS Perpetua proposal.

As a person who has recreated in Valley County for nearly 60 years I tend to be protective of all recreation opportunities. Having a partner willing to help expand access and opportunities is rare, the Stibnite Gold Project appears to offer that once in a lifetime opportunity.

The working relationships with recreation groups have always been open and forthcoming. We have spent years discussing options that don't compromise the environment and offer a healing to some very damaged areas at no public cost. Traveling and looking at terrain with the engineers has been a pleasure, sharing ideas has solved many problems and formulated solutions.

Snowmobiling in the areas adjacent to the project have always been an important part to backcountry access during the winter months. The travel plan outlined in the preferred alternative offers a fairly well thought out option giving winter access to nearly everyone and inconveniencing few. The winter reroutes to the groomed trail system offer safe alternatives while also providing better winter access for any power transmission failures.

Nearly every agreement has its opponent's, this agreement provides solutions to most of the complaints.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward. The permitting process is designed to advance the best plans possible. I believe the work of regulators over the past six years is proof this is what is happening with the Stibnite Gold Project. The thorough review process has been beneficial but there should be no more delays. The project should move forward in a timely manner.

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