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To Whom It May Concern:

I am in complete support of Perpetua's Stibnite Gold Project's Modified Mine Plan because I believe it is absolutely essential that the United States develop it's own resources as much as possible in order to: (1) repatriate local supply chains, (2) reduce our reliance on other nations, especially -- in the case of antimony -- the unfriendly nations of Russia and China and (3) Perpetua would be the ONLY domestic supplier of antimony, where the U.S. has NO domestic supplier at this time.

I urge the U.S. Forest Service to do everything in it's power to get this project approved as quickly as possible.

*The United States Defense Department has listed antimony as a strategic and non-fuel defense material shortfall.
*Antimony is needed not only for defense; but also is an important material in the continuing development of green energy generation and storage solutions.
*In my view, the U.S. must do everything possible to repatriate local supply chains; and in the case of antimony we must NOT continue to rely on unfriendly nations like Russia and China to fulfill our need for critical materials.
* Perpertua has demonstrated their complete commitment to the environment and has developed a plan that balances environmental concerns with providing critically-needed materials for U.S. defense as well as clean-energy applications.
    >>> The company has already demonstrated their dedication to the environment and to restoring the abandoned mine pit by spending hundreds of millions of dollars, prior to approval for the project.
    >>> Dedicated to improving the quality of the water, restore rivers and streams and the natural environment for salmon and wildlife.
*The project will create new, good-paying jobs.

I do not see any down-side here. My only question about this project is why is has taken so long to get approval.....…….particularly in view of the very critical need for antimony. Truth be told, I would have thought, given the U.S. Defense Dept's designation of antimony as a critical mineral, that there may have been a way to cut through the red-tape and put this project on the fast track.

Again, I urge the U.S. Forest Service to do everything in it's power to get this project approved as quickly as possible. This project was first developed and proposed over 6 years ago! It is well-passed time to get this project approved.

Thank You.
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