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Comments: Ms. Linda Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to review Perpetua Resources' proposed action laid out in the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS). The Forest Service has done a great job disseminating the SDEIS to the public and allowing ample time for us to make informed comments on the Stibnite Gold Project.

As an Idahoan and someone who has regularly spent time in Valley County, I care deeply about our recreational opportunities and the environment in that area. However, as someone with family members in the mining industry, I also understand the importance of mining and critical minerals. I also know that mining is done in a completely different way now than it was when most of the mining occurred at Stibnite in the 1940's and 1950's. After reviewing the SDEIS it appears that the Stibnite Project will bring significant economic value to Valley County through employment/wages, taxes and to local vendors supplying the mine with materials. I also see that it is proposed that public access be maintained through the site during operations which will allow recreationists to pass through and access all the public land and the Frank Church Wilderness to the east of the project area. Additionally, I understand that modern financial assurance laws require Perpetua to put the money needed for reclamation aside before mining begins, to ensure that the site is restored if something happens to Perpetua. This is extremely important to ensure that history doesn't repeat itself at the Stibnite site.

Coupling this with Perpetua's commitment to restoring and increasing Chinook Salmon and Bull Trout habitat by constructing the tunnel during operations and ultimately restoring the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River over the top of the Yellow Pine Pit backfill, along with water quality and water temperature improvements, I feel there is a beneficial need to approving the Stibnite Gold Project. This is driven home in the document where it says that "The restoration activities, particularly providing volitional passage in the East Fork SFSR, would result in a major, permanent, regional, and beneficial effect on Chinook salmon, steelhead, bull trout, and westslope cutthroat trout within the vicinity of the mine." (4.12.2.2 2021 MMP; p.4-334)

The Stibnite Gold Project presents a great opportunity to provide the critical minerals our country needs along with restoring and cleaning up a seriously impacted brownfield mining site. It is with these benefits and the reduced impacts outlined in the SDEIS, that I have chosen to support this project and ask that the Forest Service please approve this project and allow it to proceed into operations.

Best,

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