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As Commander of American Legion, Post 60, and on behalf of a majority of the members, I am writing a letter of support for the proposed Stibnite Gold Project submitted by Perpetua. Restoration of past mining activity and the plan to mine for both gold and antimony as provided for in the Preferred Alternative of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement has our support.

We understand that a proposal such as this comes with risk. However, we believe that the proposed amended plan, as analyzed in the Preferred Alternative, will minimize the potential for harm. We fully expect that Perpetua will continue to be a good neighbor, and conduct mining using the best methods available. We also expect that the activities will be closely monitored by both federal, state and local government agencies to ensure that Perpetua is operating in a manner that will focus on safety and the environment.

We further understand that the Valley County region relies heavily on tourist and outdoor enthusiast dollars. With that in mind, we feel that the Preferred Alternative will help alleviate concerns for both. The reclamation activity already undertaken by Perpetua is setting the bar for future work. Reclaiming historic stream channels, and enhancing the habitat for fish species is a good start.

There are two main items that we are focusing on with our support:

1. Bringing jobs to Valley County Idaho. Good paying jobs are at a premium in the area, and any influx will benefit everyone. These jobs will not only be mining, but the support needed to keep people and machinery up and running.

2.Support for our military. Antimony is a strategic metal, and has a variety of uses in support of our military. The Stibnite Mine location is the only known source of antimony in the United States. Having this source available for the support of our military should be a number one priority to anyone who is like minded.

Sincerely,

Forrest Griggs Commander - American Legion Post 60