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Comments: I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua has shown they are committed to Idaho and want to take care of the environment. The company designed its project to clean up legacy waste, reconnect salmon to their native spawning grounds and fix one of the watershed's largest source of sedimentation. The Stibnite Gold Project would leave water quality, wetlands and the river better than they are today. I do not see anyone else lined up to clean up the mess. Yes the F.S. and tribe did some work on Meadow Creek, but they didn't fix Blowout Creek, so all that work was ruined with sediment. This is another area that Perpetua has proposed to clean up. I hope you move forward and permit this project as quickly as possible.

Given the history of the region, I was a bit skeptical when I first heard about this project, but it is clear that Perpetua is going out of their way to put environmental safety and restoration front and center. That is why the USFS identified the company's 2021 Modified Mine Plan as its preferred alternative. The refined plan eliminates the need for long-term water treatment, incorporates measures to manage stream temperatures and reduces impacts associated with access and transportation on Johnson Creek. The fact that regulators named the company's plan as its preferred alternative gives me great confidence in the company's plan. Plus, regulators have concluded the Modified Mine Plan will let Perpetua mine while giving consideration to environmental, economic and technical factors.

In addition, "Both the Valley County and Adams County comprehensive plans reaffirm the importance of natural resources to their communities' economies (Adams County 2006; Valley County 2018a). The Valley County Comprehensive Plan includes goals and objectives pertinent to the SGP to ensure mining remains a viable element in Valley County's economy; to ensure new industrial activities consider long-term impacts and benefits on the local economy and environment; and, to maintain the role of the timber industry, tourism, outdoor recreation, mining, and agriculture in the local economy. Relevant goals under the Adams County Comprehensive Plan for the SGP include to provide an economically viable environment that builds and maintains a diverse base of business." (3-2).

Let Idahoans see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project. The USFS and other agency experts have reviewed the project for the last six years. During this time, the company has reduced the project size by 13% in the SDEIS, decreased maximum water temperature to keep it at or below baseline conditions and eliminated the need for long-term water treatment. The review process is working and now we need regulators to advance the project as expeditiously as possible.

Thank you,  
George