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Comments: To US Forest Service Payette Forest Supervisor Linda Jackson

I am writing to you in support of the proposed Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project. I'm a degreed geologist, mining / mineral processing engineering, with +35 yrs industry experience, and employed by Metso Outotec, a global supplier of process equipment. In the general scheme, I'm local to the region, residing in Salt Lake City area. I and my employer have been instrumental in the supply of process equipment and startup of the Jervois Mining Idaho Cobalt Operation in the Salmon-Challis National Forest, near Salmon Idaho.

While my professional career has been mining industry focused, I would also state I'm environmentally conscious, and believe a balance can be attained between protecting and preserving of our environment and exploitation of natural resources to support our lifestyles and commerce.

Without inundating you with details of the permit application, in my review of the mining plan, it appears economically viable while also addressing concern with existing condition of both Surface and ground water quality. The plan includes provisions providing long term restoration and preservation of habitat, effort which may reduce need for long term water treatment.

From a social economic perspective, the economic basis is on the value of the contained precious metals Au / Ag, but the co-product is Antimony (Sb) which is both a DOD strategic mineral and listed amongst the 35 Critical Mineral by the Dept of Interior. As Energy Metals research and development continues advancement, Sb may also prove a vital role in solar energy generation and energy transmitting as the USA continues effort to achieve a power grid no longer dependent on fossil fuels.

There's a paradigm shift - reliance on the mining industry to provide the resources for a "greener" more environmentally friendly way of life, reducing our country's dependence upon non-domestic resources.

In summary, for many generations mining has been a tough and challenging industry. Many sites across our landscape are evidence of industry legacy. However, learning from these past experiences and accountable for the future has changed the industry. With advancement of technology and management practices and values allow the exploitation of resource while preserving environmental stewardship.

Would trust you would be in favor of supporting this project move forward.