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Comments: In the last six years, the Stibnite Gold Project has undergone a cooperative and comprehensive regulatory review by multiple local, state, and federal agencies that have offered a public scoping period and two public comment periods to not only review the Stibnite Gold Project but ample time to provide input on the project. From my years working on various collaboratives, the one rule we always have is you cant say "NO" without giving a meaningful solution to accomplish the same goal, or explicitly prove direct conflict with the rules. "I don't like that(s)" and "if's" and "maybe's" don't count. The 2021 MMP does provide the meaningful solutions to the questions asked, and meaningful alternatives presented, during the DEIS comment period.

I endorse the agencies recommendation that the Burntlog Route be the preferred access alternative into the project area, but feel that public access should not be restricted through that route, it should be available to public access year round at all stages of the project.

Perpetua has emphasized safe transport of materials into, and out of the project site by preparing a Transportation Management Plan that incorporates the companies already established emergency response procedures. The fact that the company has had 100% safe, fuel transport in and hazardous waste transport out, over the course of 13 years that it has been exploring and performing environmental studies shows their dedication to safety and the environment. The fact the company has an Integrated, Environmental, Occupational Health & Safety Management system, built upon the International Standards Organization (ISO 14001 & 45001) and their commitment to adopt the International Cyanide Management Code further emphasizes their commitment to Health & Safety and Environmental protection.

While the benefits of the projects extensive restoration program may take a number of years to fully take root (you can't grow a tree in a day, a week or even a year), the fact remains that NO restoration of the existing legacy environmental impacts from the past 100+ years of mining would ever be cleaned up if not for this project advancing. That restores 29 miles of river habitat for chinook salmon and steelhead, into perpetuity. It results in a 40% reduction of arsenic in the EFSFSR below the project site, provides a 9% uplift in river habitat quality onsite, and will generate 63% more wetland acres than exist today onsite and all these last into perpetuity. Into perpetuity seems a whole lot longer than the few years it takes to get there. All these improvements to the environment wont happen if the project doesn't move forward. Its a unique opportunity to let gold mining pay for the restoration of an abandoned mine site.

Respectfully,
Kyle Fend