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Comments: "There are things they tell us that sound good to hear, but when they have accomplished their purpose they will go home and will not try to fulfill our agreements with them."

Sitting Bull (Lakota)

Twelve years ago the Indigenous Idaho Alliance was created when a number of activists were alerted to the exploitation and degradation perpetrated by an energy company's greed along the Missouri River near the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's homelands, and they saw fit to act in support and solidarity of those water protectors. We did this in the understanding that it could happen in our own communities here in Idaho and that there would be a time that we would need to step into that arena.

That time has come in the form of a "local" company that looks to destroy the habitat of the lifeblood of the Tribal nations that have called Idaho home for countless generations, while not even consulting with Tribe; by "fixing" the problem and "restoring" a mine to its former glory. In the meanwhile, opening three pit mines in order to rape the land of gold and the new unobtainium antimony. We use the term "unobtainium" because while Perpetua gives us the narrative of an element so needed in the world that it can dramatically change the green energy prospects of the entire nation almost overnight, the true directive of this intrusion into previously undisturbed land is in fact the lust of old, gold. Perpetua expects to relieve the planet of upwards of 4.2 Million ounces of gold in the lifetime of the operation. At the current spot price (01/04/2023) of \$1827 that would be a taking of nearly \$8 billion dollars, which is what makes this operation profitable to this formerly Canadian based company. Meanwhile, the United States has not reliably produced antimony in nearly 30 years, there is no means of refinement within the borders of the United States and the closest refinery/smelter is in Mexico. China is the most reliable producer of antimony and they are actually reducing production and have closed mines and smelters in recent years.

By using the unobtainium philosophy Perpetua hopes to move forward with little to no pushback from Idahoans and to that we must say no. We must not allow a company to put the destruction of undisturbed land and lust for profit forward. We must also call for Perpetua to do their due diligence in holding to their Company Policy statement:

"We are committed to workplace safety, environmental stewardship and supporting the community. We are committed to conducting our business transparently, honestly and with integrity."

By entering into consultation with Tribes whose homelands lie within the boundaries of this proposed project, speak to the reality that gold, not antimony, is the true driver of this project and follow through with their integrity by closing down any potential projects.

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