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Comments: To whom it may concern:

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project.

I am a former Idaho miner (Environmental Engineer, Monsanto Chemical Company, Soda Springs, 1984-1987). My Idaho roots run deep. My mom was raised in Pocatello. She graduated from Poky High in 1939 and attended ISU.

When I was a child, my Grandparents lived on and farmed a small farm near Bruneau, where I spent blissful summers during my childhood in the 1950s.

I've been an environmental engineer in the mining industry for over 45 years and am firmly convinced that modern mining operations can coexist with other land uses and that mines can be reclaimed leaving healthy sustainable ecosystems.

Stibnite will take that capability one step further by restoring an abandoned mine site in desperate need of repair. The project will leave conditions better than they are today and brings net benefits to water, river habitat, and fish migration.

It is abundantly clear to me that our national interest will suffer without a reliable supply of certain critical minerals, including antimony. The Stibnite Gold Project will be the only American-mined source of the critical mineral antimony.

*A reliable domestic supply of antimony will secure production of ammunition.

*Antimony is critical for semiconductors.

*Antimony is critical for long duration storage batteries to bring more clean energy on to the grid.

China, Russia, and Tajikistan currently control 90% of the global supply of antimony.

Primarily a gold mine, Stibnite will generate substantial tax revenue for state and local governments and will provide more jobs for my Idaho mining colleagues.

The Stibnite Project has been under concerted environmental, social, cultural and economic review for 12 years. That input and the scientific analysis required by the permitting process has improved the Project.

Perpetua's Modified Mine Plan (MMP) was identified by the US Forest Service as the Preferred Alternative in the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS).

It's time to move the Stibnite Project forward, approving the mine plans and bringing the mine into production for the benefit on Idaho and the Nation.

Thank you