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Forest Supervisor,

I worked on the Stibnite mine site cleanup project for IMCO Construction, along with Perpetua staff, the Forest Service, and the EPA. My first reaction when I got to Stibnite was shock due to the sheer number of environmental impacts from the historical mining activity. I've worked on superfund sites before, and Stibnite seems like it would qualify given the extent of the environmental impact in such a pristine and wild area.

In 2022, our project team constructed stream diversions, the DMEA and Hennessey Creek. These diversions illustrate what can be successfully achieved from a waste cleanup project.

Our cleanup project was impactful to Stibnite, but there's a lot more work that can be done. Perpetua's plan to mine the site and restore the river over the pits is strategic and would alleviate the river that is currently running through the existing mining pit.

Perpetua also plans to do stream restoration work which would enhance the habitat for the fish by building a water treatment plant for the mine. These ideas and strategies are used frequently in mine site cleanup projects and river restoration projects and are much needed in order to clean up the water quality at Stibnite.

I highly recommend the Forest Supervisor approve the Stibnite Gold Project under the 2021 MMP alternative. There is no better time than now to start site restoration and cleanup.

Sincerely,

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