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Comments: I am writing to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Perpetua Resources during this public input process. This project exemplifies the way that modern mining with all the regulations governing extractive industries should be undertaken to address previous disturbance operating under less stringent operating conditions. The corrective actions to these disturbances and the benefits to soil, water and wildlife, both terrestrial and aquatic have been well documented. The No Action alternative will continue to see impacts to these resources.

While the economic advantages to the local economy have been detailed, this also plays into national strategy for independence of a strategic mineral within the US and the broader geopolitical concerns. Antimony is essential for our national defense and can be mined under this project economically and sustainably with the most stringent environmental oversight. Additionally, the transition to the Green Economy is in full swing and the project will support those initiatives.

With these considerations, I urge you to approve this project.