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Comments: U.S. Forest Service,

I have reviewed Perpetua Resources' plans and met with members of their team to better understand the Stibnite Gold Project. I am impressed with the company's commitment to use modern mining to leave the area better than they found it, while providing our nation with the minerals we need and jobs to hardworking Idahoans. Below are my comments on the plan to be included in the project record.

I am pleased to see Perpetua Resources wants to take responsibility and clean up the damage left behind by mining operations in the early 20th Century - even though the company was not involved in any of the previous activity at the site. Perpetua has a plan to reunite salmon and trout with their spawning grounds for the first time in 80 years. They plan to provide permanent access to approximately 25 miles of perennial stream and 6 miles of anadromous fish spawning habitat, and the company has agreed to install a temporary fish passageway that will allow fish to swim past the old mining pit before mining even begins. The SDEIS concludes providing volitional passage would result in major, permanent, regional and beneficial effects for fish. Perpetua Resources is our best chance to rewrite the history of the site and finally fix longstanding environmental issues.

As CEO of a hospital in Eastern Idaho, I know how important it is for communities to have diverse economies and well-paying jobs. Mining provides jobs and opportunities that are important for our local economy. I am grateful to know Perpetua Resources is committed to hiring locally and purchasing materials locally as much as possible. The Stibnite project will generate hundreds of job opportunities in construction and operations. This type of project will undoubtedly boost the local economy, which currently relies heavily on the recreation industry. Mining is an important contributor to a strong economy in Idaho and I know this project will be no different.

Perpetua Resources wants to help America secure a domestic supply of the critical mineral antimony and clean up a brownfield site. They've made great improvements to the project from the original documents they submitted - this shows the permitting process has done its job. It is time to permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.

Sincerely,

James Adamson