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Comments: Dear Permitting Officials,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the National Environmental Policy Act. I believe the project can help stop America's import reliance on antimony and address legacy impacts in the historic Stibnite Mining District.

Perpetua Resources has developed a plan to provide our nation with a domestic supply of antimony and protect the environment in the process. Perpetua is mindful of its impact and has designed its project to meet or exceed environmental thresholds. For example, modeling in the SDEIS showed the Operations Area Boundary would not exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and mercury, nitrogen and sulfur would fall below significant impact levels. The company has also prioritized environmental restoration early in the project, so Idahoans do not have to wait for mining to be complete to see the benefits of the companies work. For example, the SDEIS states one of the biggest impacts for fish will occur before mining begins with the construction of the fish passageway. This will get fish back to their native spawning grounds for the first time in 80 years. I believe Perpetua Resources can strike the balance of mining the materials we need safely, while also protecting and restoring the environment.

Let Idahoans see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project. The USFS has reviewing the project for the last six years. During this time, the company has reduced the project size by 13% in the SDEIS, decreased maximum water temperature to keep it at or below baseline conditions and eliminated the need for long-term water treatment. The review process is working and now we need regulators to advance the project as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

Stephanie