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Comments: Good Afternoon,

I'm writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project.

Over the past several years Perpetua has shown its commitment to moving a project forward that will not only have a positive impact on Idaho's economy, but to its local environment and U.S. National Security.

The Stibnite Gold Project is located on an abandoned mine site that is in high need of repair. Perpetua aims to leave the Stibnite site better than they found it and ultimately bring net benefits to water, fish, and wildlife by cleaning up over 10 million tons of legacy tailings and waste.

In addition to being an asset to the local environment, the project is crucial to strengthening U.S. National Security and could prove vital to the administration's stated supply chain goals by becoming the sole domestic producer of Antimony, which is 1 of 35 minerals deemed critical by the USGS.

China, Russia and Tajikistan control more than 90 percent of global production of Antimony and dependence on U.S. adversaries for the critical mineral puts our supply chains, and Americans' future at risk.

The Stibnite project alone would produce approximately 35% of U.S. Antimony demands during its first 6 years of operation and the project's site is home to one of the largest economic reserves of Antimony in the U.S.

As the U.S. looks to strengthen domestic supply chains of critical minerals while building up U.S. National Security, I can't think of a better project that fits the bill than the Stibnite Gold Project. Now is the time to move this project forward to a final record of decision.

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