

It is with great pleasure that I write 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 could help restore Stibnite, secure an American source of antimony and strengthen our nation's supply chains.

The Biden administration has set an ambitious goal to have a clean energy grid by 2035. We cannot meet that goal without antimony. Antimony is used to make solar panels, wind turbines and large-scale batteries. Currently, we do not have a domestic source of this critical mineral. The Stibnite Gold Project would provide America with a secure and sustainable source. In fact, the project could satisfy 35% of America's antimony needs and help support our clean energy future. Perpetua Resources has already agreed to provide enough antimony to Ambri to help the battery manufacturer power 1 million homes with solar power. I believe the minerals from the Stibnite Gold Project can be used to help us protect our environment and I trust in the company's plans to minimize environmental impacts during mining and restore the site when they are done.

I urge you to accept Perpetua Resources' plan as outlined under the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and continue moving this project forward.

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