

I am proud to welcome Perpetua Resources into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. The project will produce America's only source of antimony, a mineral our national security and clean energy future depends upon, and leave the site in better condition than it is today. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

I understand that in order for Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold project to move forward, the company must meet strict state and federal regulations. This gives me faith in the project and process. In addition to a positive record of decision through the NEPA process, Perpetua Resources will still need to obtain up to 50 other permits, approvals and conditions ranging from the Clean Water Act to providing financial assurances for restoration. The Forest Service cannot approve the project without ascertaining that all of these approvals are issued and conditions met. I support Perpetua Resources' plans to restore the site, bring hundreds of jobs to rural Idaho and mine gold and antimony as outlined under the 2021 Modified Mine Plan. I am appreciative of the additional work the company has done to limit its project footprint, improve water temperatures on the site and eliminate long-term water treatment.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Perpetua Resources' project as outlined in the 2021 Modified Mine Plan. At this point, the Stibnite Gold Project has been studied by regulators for the last six year. That is enough. Now, it is time to let Perpetua get to work.

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