

I am 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 Valley County and the state of Idaho. I encourage you to permit the improvements proposed by the company and move the project forward using the Burntlog Road route.

I support the 2021 Modified Mine Plan of the SDEIS. Under this plan, Perpetua Resources will help mitigate the damages left by previous mining projects, bring hundreds of well-paying jobs to Valley County and provide the only domestically mined source of antimony in the country. This project would allow our nation to rely less on foreign countries for critical minerals and reduce our carbon footprint by sourcing minerals at home. Environmental regulations are stricter in the United States and when minerals are sourced in this country we do not have to expend as much energy and resources transporting them to their final destination. The 2021 Modified Mine Plan is economically and technically feasible. It also improves upon the company's originally submitted plans. With the new updates, Perpetua has eliminated the need for long-term water treatment, kept water temperatures on site at or below current temperatures, improves water quality and shrinks the size of the project footprint by 13 percent. It is clear it is the best choice moving forward.

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.

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