

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. I hope my letter will help as you evaluate the recently published SDEIS.

Last summer, Perpetua agreed to provide antimony to largescale battery maker Ambri. The agreement establishes a foundation to help facilitate the decarbonization of energy grids in the U.S. as well as around the globe. Ambri's batteries could fundamentally change how our energy system operates by making it possible for power grids to rely on more power from the wind and sun. The Stibnite Gold Project is key to making this happen because it would be America's only mined source of antimony. Without it, we will continue to have to rely on China and Russia for this critical mineral. I want to support America's clean energy transition and supporting the Stibnite Gold Project using Burntlog Road is one of the best ways I can do that.

The SDEIS reduces the size of the project footprint, improves water quality, eliminates the need for long-term water treatment and makes sure water temperature on site does not exceed baseline conditions – all while providing our nation with access to a mineral we desperately need. The permitting process has been thorough and complete. Now, I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan.

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