

I have been closely following Perpetua Resources' plans for several years. The Stibnite Gold Project presents an opportunity to restore an abandoned mine site and provide our nation with the critical minerals we need. I am grateful for the opportunity to comment on their 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.

I urge you to approve Perpetua Resources' project. The Stibnite Gold Project will provide a huge benefit to our community and the local environment and the company has taken the time to reduce its footprint and improve water quality at site. The permitting process is designed to move the best plans forward and I feel that is what we will do with the 2021 Modified Mine Plan.

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