

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.

After reviewing the SDEIS, the 2021 Modified Mine Plan appears to be the alternative that best minimizes adverse environmental impacts as required in the Forest Service's regulations. The company has very comprehensive mitigation measures to protect the natural habitat, wildlife and fish. As a private citizen, I appreciate that in addition to the lengthy NEPA review provided by the U.S. Forest Service the Stibnite Gold Project will also be required to comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including those governing financial assurance. This knowledge makes me feel comfortable supporting the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and encouraging you to move it forward. Perpetua Resources has proven they are listening to community feedback. The company has gone back to reduce the footprint, improve water quality, so there is no need for long-term treatment, and ensure water temperatures stay at or below current conditions.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward, especially now with the further improvements to water quality conditions on site. This is just one example of how the permitting process has worked to improve the plan.

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