

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the NEPA Comment Period. I have been closely following Perpetua Resources' plans since they first came into our state, in large part because some of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities. The Stibnite Gold Project could help us restore an abandoned mine site.

Thanks to Perpetua Resources' agreement with Ambri, the Stibnite Gold Project will enable the production of batteries with over 13 Gigawatt hours of clean energy storage. That is more than 8x the total additions to the entire U.S. energy storage market in 2020. With no current domestic source of antimony, the Stibnite Gold Project is not an opportunity we can let pass us by. I have reviewed the company's improved plans using the Burntlog Route and I believe they've outlined a path to protect the environment and minimize impacts. The Stibnite Gold Project should be allowed to move forward.

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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