

I am proud to welcome Perpetua Resources into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. The project will produce America's only source of antimony, a mineral our national security and clean energy future depends upon, and leave the site in better condition than it is today. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

It is time to move the Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua Resources has spent the last 12 years working with stakeholders to make sure its project meets the highest environmental standards and brings positive benefits to Idaho. Over the past six years, multiple federal, state and local agencies have analyzed the project as part of the review process. The public has had ample time to review Perpetua's plans and two opportunities to provide comments. The input and permitting process has improved the plan. Perpetua resources has increased recreational access, improved water quality and reduced its project footprint. It is time to move the project forward.

Perpetua Resources wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. After reviewing the project for six years, I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the project forward with the improvements laid out in the SDEIS.

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