



Idaho House of Representatives

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November 30, 2022

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street, Building 2
McCall, ID 83638

RE: Support Perpetua Resources Preferred Alternative

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I'm happy to write to the U.S. Forest Service on behalf of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project as a representative of Idaho's 7th district. It is still obvious to me that this opportunity will boost our economy and aid in the restoration of a significant portion of our natural habitat, the Salmon River.

The Stibnite Gold Project is a financial investment to the state of Idaho. When possible, the business has committed to hiring Idaho residents as employees, and it has also promised to prioritize using local vendors. In addition to providing jobs for up to 1,000 local Idahoans, this commitment will boost tax collections throughout the state of Idaho. Property tax revenues from the project would bring in \$300,000 a year for our local governments, schools, and law enforcement. Over the course of the project's lifespan, the local economy is expected to be impacted by over \$18 million during construction, over \$18 million during operations, and \$5 million during the final stages of reclamation.

Perpetua Resources is also dedicated to assisting in the cleanup of harm caused by years of mining that took place prior to stringent state and federal regulations, long before Perpetua was involved. With the removal of potentially dangerous minerals from our waterways and the removal of obstructions that currently prevent native salmon populations from reaching the Salmon River, Perpetua Resources' plans include a significant reclamation effort.

I urge you to approve Perpetua Resources Idaho's 2021 modified mine plan so that the project can move forward in a responsible and timely manner. It is actually best for Idaho.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Shepherd".

Rep. Charlie Shepherd

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