



## Idaho House of Representatives

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

**RE: Approve the Perpetua Resources Preferred Alternative**

Attention Ms. Linda Jackson and Staff,

As a native Idahoan and the representative for Idaho's 26th district, I am committed to serving my community and seeking out opportunities that will ensure Idaho's future. I am eager to support the Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project after reviewing the US Forest Service Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS). Earlier this year I had the opportunity to spend considerable time with company representatives and tour the site. I was extremely impressed.

Perpetua wants to rehabilitate the habitat around Stibnite through extensive reclamation. Perpetua has pledged to help reestablish the Salmon River's fish passages, clean up the landscape, and improve water quality by extracting toxic metals and sediment from waste rock that sits in our waterways, as explained in their 2021 Modified Mine Plan (MMP). Additionally, Perpetua's Preferred Alternative to use the Burntlog Route in the SDEIS will eliminate the need for a permanent water treatment, improved water temperature, six fewer stream crossings, and the safest route of transportation for the community and environment. These efforts will continue with the use of sustainable and modern mining practices, ensuring that the land is cared for after years of neglecting environmental legacies.

I applaud the US Forest Service for conducting a thorough examination of the SDEIS to date. Stibnite Gold will bring good jobs back to Idaho while also repairing the area's environmental neglect. After careful consideration, I would like to urge the US Forest Service to approve Perpetua Resources' Preferred Alternative.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ned Burns", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rep. Ned Burns

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