



Idaho House of Representatives State of Idaho

December 1, 2022

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

To Linda Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua Resources has been committed to this important project for Idaho over the past 12 years. Further their commitment to responsible mining practices and restoration to protect Idaho's public lands is admirable. I ask that the U.S. Forest Service approve the modified mine plan as the preferred alternative in the supplemental draft environmental impact statement.

Perpetua's operations in Valley County will employ roughly 500-600 jobs. Most of those miners, operators and support teams will be comprised of local Idahoans. The company has already spent nearly \$300 million in total working on permitting the project. Last year alone almost \$10 million was spent in Idaho. Once permitted, it is estimated that construction of the site will be roughly \$1 billion. The economic impact of the project is tremendous.

As a public-land hunter, Perpetua's pledge to safeguard the lands in and surrounding the Stibnite Gold Project area is another reason why I support this company's plan. We have already seen adjustments within the permitting process. There has been a 13% reduction in the project footprint over the original design. Water temperatures will be reduced by seven degrees to get to baseline conditions or below. And water treatment will no longer be needed permanently.

Please move forward with the modified mine plan. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Petzke".

Rep. James Petzke,
Idaho House, District 21