

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the public permitting process. I know this project will have a positive impact on the environment, communities surrounding the site and Idahoans.

The EIS document estimates that the project will generate \$29.4 million in taxes annually and create thousands of jobs for Idahoans and nationwide. I reviewed section 21 which summarizes the beneficial economic impacts from the project. The 2,690 jobs created by the mine during operations annually, and almost 5,000 jobs created during construction, would be a huge benefit to the local and state economies. Moreover, these would be high paying jobs offering good benefits and supporting workers families. This is exactly the kind of economic incentive that is needed in rural Idaho. The McCall area can't make it on tourism alone.

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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