



Idaho State Senate

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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: Support the Perpetua Resources Stibnite Gold Project

Ms. Jackson,

As a native Idahoan and the incoming Senator for District 4, I am always on the lookout for ways to help the Gem State. Please see the following to understand why I believe Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project is an excellent investment for Idaho.

By approving the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Perpetua Resources would:

- Invest \$1 billion into the state of Idaho to construct the mine.
- Provide an estimated 500-600 new jobs to rural Idaho during operations.
- Hire and contract local workers, which means providing Idahoans with the necessary training opportunities throughout the project's lifespan.
- Only American-mined source of antimony, which is used to produce US military ammunition, semiconductors, and long duration storage batteries.
- Become less dependent on foreign nations for our antimony supply as China, Russia, and Tajikistan control 90% of the global supply of antimony.
- Restoring an abandoned mine site that is in dire need of repair. Perpetua's restoration plans include cleaning up more than 10 million tons of legacy tailings and waste, reconnecting 20 miles of river habitat that has been cut off for 80 years, and significantly lowering arsenic levels.

As a lover of the great outdoors, I respect Perpetua's dedication to ethical mining methods. Their business strategy will serve as a model for the mining industry moving forward, both economically and environmentally. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the USFS approve the SDEIS for Perpetua's Stibnite Gold Project.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Toews".

Sen. Ben Toews

District 4, Idaho State Senate