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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest  
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor  
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Ms. Jackson,

I would like to express my steadfast support for the Stibnite Gold Project under consideration by U.S. Forest Service. Serving as a member of the Idaho State Senate Resources & Conservation Committee, I've been able to learn how the Stibnite project can help Idaho repair our environment and build up our national defense capabilities.

Perpetua Resources, headquartered in Boise, estimates this project to be a \$1 billion investment in the state. A major portion of that investment will be reclamation initiatives, including:

- 47% reduction in arsenic in the East Fork South Fork Salmon River on site
- 40% reduction in arsenic in the East Fork South Fork Salmon River off-site
- Reduced water temperature 5C from the 2020 Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Opening 20 miles of fish habitat that is inaccessible today

Furthermore, approval of the Stibnite Gold Project would result in the lone American-mined source of the critical mineral antimony. Antimony has several significant uses, including the production of US military ammunition, long duration storage batteries, and semiconductors. The ammunition will help fulfill our national defense needs, the batteries will offer cleaner energy alternatives, and the semiconductors are an essential component of many common items in our digital age.

Mining antimony in Idaho will boost domestic production and bolster our economy. I strongly urge the USFS to approve the SDEIS for Stibnite Gold.

Sincerely,

Julie VanOrden