

The Stibnite Gold Project presents a big opportunity for Idaho. Without this project, the conditions at Stibnite will likely never get better. Fish will continue to be blocked from their spawning grounds by an abandoned mine pit and legacy tailings will continue to degrade water quality. The project also presents an opportunity for America. It could help secure a domestic source of antimony, so we can stop our import reliance on this critical mineral. This is an important project and I appreciate the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Perpetua Resources' public permitting process.

Perpetua Resources has developed a plan to provide our nation with a domestic supply of antimony and protect the environment in the process. Perpetua is mindful of its impact and has designed its project to meet or exceed environmental thresholds. For example, modeling in the SDEIS showed the Operations Area Boundary would not exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and mercury, nitrogen and sulfur would fall below significant impact levels. I believe Perpetua Resources can strike the balance of mining the materials we need safely, while also protecting and restoring the environment.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Perpetua Resources' project as outlined in the 2021 Modified Mine Plan. At this point, the Stibnite Gold Project has been studied by regulators for the last six year. That is enough. Now, it is time to let Perpetua get to work.

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