



## Idaho State Senate

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December 16, 2022

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

RE: Support Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project and the Modified Mine Plan

To Linda Jackson and Staff,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my support for the proposed Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua Resources is a valued economic asset to the Gem State, one that also provides rewarding job opportunities to the residents of Idaho. I ask the U.S. Forest Service to move forward with the Modified Mine Plan as part of the Supplemental Draft EIS.

This site has been mined over 100 years and was effectively abandoned by past operators and responsible parties. There is over 10 million tons of legacy waste and tailings that are degrading water quality. At certain places, arsenic can reach 700 times the drinking water standard. Perpetua wants to fix these legacy issues. In fact, some of the benefits of the project include a 47% reduction in arsenic in the East Fork South Fork of the Salmon River on site and a 40% reduction in arsenic off-site. This important work can only be done with private dollars that Perpetua will be bringing to the table.

In addition to the environmental impacts, Perpetua will have an immense impact in both Valley County and our state economy. As a small business owner, I stand by businesses that provide opportunity and actively support the community. If the SGP is allowed to move forward, Idaho can expect a continuation of over \$1 billion in construction and annual expenditures of over \$230 million.

Thus, I ask the USFS to move forward with the modified mine plan for Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Treg A. Bernt".

Senator Treg A. Bernt  
Idaho State Senate, District 21