

I am writing this message to support Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua has genuinely shown its commitment to being responsible for the environment, and supporting Valley County and the state of Idaho. Please permit the improvements proposed by the company and move the project forward using the Burntlog Road route.

The SDEIS shows that there will be net benefits associated with the Stibnite Gold Project. Some of those have already occurred even before mining even starts. Additionally, Perpetua Resources will construct a fishway that allows fish to travel to upstream habitat that they have been unable to reach for decades. Because of this the SDEIS said the greatest benefit to Chinook salmon and steelhead passage will occur during construction, when the fishway is built. Perpetua also plans to restore the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River, so access to upstream waters is permanently restored for fish. The conditions at Stibnite are improving and Perpetua Resources has shown that they can make improvements happen.

I hope you can see why you should permit the Stibnite Gold Project. This project is a good thing for Idaho, helps decrease America's dependence on foreign countries for a critical mineral, and cleans up the environment. The company also continues to refine its plan in response to the permitting process, so it has the smallest footprint possible and results in improved water quality conditions on site.

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