

Davis Cattle Company, Inc.

"It's not a job; it's a way of life."



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**Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
500 North Mission Street
McCall, ID 83638**

Ms. Linda Jackson,

I am proud to submit my comments in support of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy, and provide our nation with the much-needed critical mineral antimony. Once our kids graduate high school in Cascade, they leave the area to find good-paying jobs that offer benefits so they can support a family despite their desire to stay in this amazing place. This project would give them opportunities right here where they grew up and would afford them the option to stay in Valley County to raise their own families.

I am pleased to see that Perpetua Resources wants to take responsibility and clean up the damage left behind by mining operations in the early 20th Century – even though the company was not involved in any of the previous activities at the site. Perpetua has plans to reunite salmon and trout with their spawning grounds for the first time in 80 years. They plan to provide permanent access to approximately 25 miles of perennial stream and 6 miles of anadromous fish spawning habitat, and the company has agreed to install a temporary fish passageway that will allow fish to swim past the old mining pit before mining even begins. The SDEIS concludes that providing volitional passage would result in major, permanent, regional and beneficial effects for fish. Perpetua Resources is our best chance to rewrite the history of the site and finally fix longstanding environmental issues.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho and for the United States, as America currently relies on China and Russia to provide us with antimony. The Stibnite Gold Project could help us secure a domestic source of antimony. We need to stop our country's reliance on others by mining it here at home and keep our country and our military service members safe. After six years of intense review by experts in all of the environmental fields, I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit the 2021 Modified Mine Plan so this brownfield site can finally be restored.

Sincerely,

Yvette Davis, Corporate Secretary