

Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho, particularly rural Idaho, with a huge economic and environmental opportunity. The company has a plan to improve water quality, wetlands and the river and leave the site better than it is today. I am writing to encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

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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