

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.

I agree with regulators and feel strongly that the preferred alternative is the best option for the Stibnite Gold Project moving forward. This option utilizes Burntlog Road. According to the SDEIS, this route would avoid environmental and safety risks associated with the avalanche and landside prone Johnson Creek Road. We need the minerals from Stibnite and Burntlog will allow mining to move forward while minimizing the impacts of mining on the community. Burntlog will reduce mine traffic interactions with the public and decrease the potential for spills near fish-bearing streams.

I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness in the review process. The U.S. Forest Service has not cut any corners over the past 6 years analyzing the project and I've appreciated the opportunities to provide feedback. For the reasons I stated in my letter above, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

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