



Idaho State Senate

SENATOR KELLY ARTHUR ANTHON

December 2, 2022

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

RE: Stibnite Gold Project SDEIS

Ms. Jackson,

Serving as the Idaho Senate Majority Leader, the strength of our economy and our Idaho communities is extremely important to me. That's why I want to extend this letter of support for the Stibnite Gold Project submitted by Perpetua Resources ("Perpetua"). With substantial deposits of gold and the only domestic reserve of the critical resource of antimony, I strongly believe the U.S. Forest Service should approve the SDEIS for this project.

As I'm sure you're aware, Perpetua is proposing to restore the land previously damaged after a century of unregulated mining, while establishing the domestic production of antimony. This resource is used in the manufacturing process of US military-grade ammunition, semiconductors, and long-duration storage batteries. Our country needs a secure source of antimony for national defense and energy alternatives. Idaho is lucky enough to have the only domestic reserve of antimony in Valley County.

Moreover, this project also signals a \$1 billion private investment by Perpetua into our state that we desperately need. Supplies and services needed for the project will be purchased locally when reasonable, further supporting our economy and local businesses. After 12 years of working with stakeholders to make sure this project meets the necessary standards, it's only right to get this project off the ground.

Therefore, I request the U.S. Forest Service accept the SDEIS for Perpetua's Stibnite Gold Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Anthon".

Sen. Kelly Anthon
Majority Leader, Idaho State Senate