

Ms. Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor  
Stibnite Gold Project  
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Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am writing to express my full support of Perpetua Resources and the Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua has shown they are committed to Idaho and want to take care of the environment. The company designed its project to clean up legacy waste, reconnect salmon to their native spawning grounds and fix one of the watershed's largest source of sedimentation. The Stibnite Gold Project would make water quality, wetlands and the river better than they are today. In fact, you state the SGP is anticipated to result in major, permanent and localized benefits for Chinook salmon and steelhead resulting from increased access to critical habitat. As tabulated in table 4.12-3 of the SDEIS, removal of fish barriers is estimated to increase critical habitat available to salmon by 19.7 km, to steelhead by 8.7 km, and to Bull Trout by 19.5 km. I hope you move forward and permit this project as quickly as possible.

It is time to move the Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua Resources has spent the last 12 years working with stakeholders to make sure its project meets the highest environmental standards and brings positive benefits to Idaho. Over the past six years, multiple federal, state and local agencies have analyzed the project as part of the review process. The public has had ample time to review Perpetua's plans and two opportunities to provide comments. The input and permitting process has improved the plan. Perpetua resources has increased recreational access, improved water quality and reduced its project footprint. It is time to move the project forward.

Perpetua Resources wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. After reviewing the project for six years, I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the project forward with the improvements laid out in the SDEIS.

Thank you,



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