

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement period for the Stibnite Gold Project. I fully support this project for two major reasons; eliminating our import reliance on hostile, foreign governments for antimony and improving environmental conditions at the mine site.

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.

The SDEIS reduces the size of the project footprint, improves water quality, eliminates the need for long-term water treatment and makes sure water temperature on site does not exceed baseline conditions – all while providing our nation with access to a mineral we desperately need. The permitting process has been thorough and complete and it is past time for the Forest Service to realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using the 2021 Modified Mine Plan.

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