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

Dear Ms. Linda Jackson;

We appreciate the opportunity to submit our comments on the Supplemental Draft EIS for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold project. As a city in the region that will experience significant impact from the project, we support this project.

We have watched Perpetua Resources develop a project design that is committed to investing in the beauty and sustainability of our environment, wildlife and recreation. Their willingness to engage with local communities, like ours, to hear our concerns and answer our questions, has been refreshing and has built open, transparent communication regarding the project.

We are particularly encouraged by the emphasis the project has made on safety, environmental impact and protection and restoration of natural resources. We are also looking forward to a positive impact on the region's economy. With a long history of mining companies who have disregarded potential regional impacts, we have appreciated the development of the Stibnite Advisory Council and the availability of answers to the many questions that arise over plans of this magnitude.

Upon reviewing the SDEIS, we are glad to see the plan improves water quality, addresses the transportation issues and air quality concerns while providing our nation with minerals we need for so many purposes. The process the US Forest Services uses for permitting this type of project is obviously very thorough. We feel the benefits of this project are significant to our community and are in support of the US Forest Service approving the permits for this project.

Thank you,

City of New Meadows Mayor and City Council