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Hello,

I've lived in Cascade for over 25 years, and I remember when logging was the mainstay of the area. Boise-Cascade operated the mill and shipped lumber and sawdust/chip product down the canyon to both Horseshoe Bend and Emmett. Boise-Cascade was a large and good employer that offered stable jobs with good benefits and financial independence from Boise and the tourism industry. Since Boise-Cascade closed, most local businesses and the general population have suffered greatly due to the dependence on a tourist economy.

Valley County needs Midas Gold. I've been to the site and meetings/presentations, and I'm convinced that Midas will do what they say they will do.

Bringing back both mining and logging to our area would create good paying jobs and make us less dependent on the recreation-based economy that we are subject to now.

The majority of employment opportunities here now all cater to the tourist/service industry. When local kids graduate, there are very few decent employment options...so they have to move away.

Let's restore the site and bring real jobs back to Valley County - and clean up Valley county at the same time!

Sincerely

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