

In 2006-2007 I participated on an abandoned mine lands projects in Montana for the BLM. I was exposed to the effects of both current and historical mining on the land. Billions of U.S. dollars are being spent to repair old mining areas. In some, more money is spent to remediate problems than what was extracted. Modern mining practices can be utilized to repair the damages caused by a century of mining neglect on the environment.

The Stibnite mine will be a significant source of the element antimony. Antimony is currently used for the manufacture of batteries. As the nation shifts to a more carbon-free future, energy storage will become increasingly important. A US sourced supply locally produced materials for use in batteries will help stabilize our energy goals.

Finally, the employment opportunities this mine will provide will stabilize the financial base of the region. This area, in my opinion, relies primarily upon recreation and associated activities for income. Broadening the financial base will add an element of security in the area.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion in support for this project.

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