

We have followed this project for a very long time. My husband's grandfather toured the "old" operation many years ago. He approved heartily. He was the president of First Security Bank in Boise. Yes, we know the climate for "mining" has changed over the years. The problem seems to be the lack of education of the general public of the vital necessity it is to have mining for the products we all use every day. We use gold in our cell phones. And many, many other devices that are a part of our everyday lives. It is vital that as a nation we do as much responsible mining on our homeland and not be dependent on countries outside the U.S. for resources. We need the jobs locally. Once the project is completed then that will provide an avenue for many to have an excellent addition to their resumes. An incredible feather in their caps!

My husband and I took the time and effort to tour the area, listen to the pros and cons from both sides. We need to have this project go forward. The proposals for the mining have all been responsibly written, changes taken into consideration, revised and revised.

It is time the U.S. Forest Service goes forward and "approves" the go ahead for full project initiation and completion. Go forward and then have oversight.

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