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STIBNITE GOLD PROJECT:

The following topics should be considered.

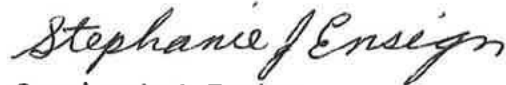
1. A large area of the proposed project has had mining activity in the past. Future activity will benefit reclamation of past mining operations.
2. The Stibnite Gold Project is not only a precious metals mine but also a strategic metals mine along with rare earths.
3. Approving operation of this mine will reinforce the commitment of the United States being more self-sufficient. Relying on other counties to supply strategic minerals is not in the best interest of national security. The Stibnite area has proven it's self as being vital to the war effort in the past.
4. With the new mining activity comes the opportunity for total reclamation of the entire site. This would include better water quality, along with visual improvement.
5. Mines give opportunity for good paying job along with the many companies the will provide services in support of this project. Income from employment will benefit the whole State of Idaho.
6. With the proposed new access road there will be very little impact on the existing traffic on the sometime precarious Johnson Creek Rd and South Fork Rd.

7. It seems that all the environmentalists can talk about is "Not in My Backyard". If they are at all concerned about the environmental impact on the earth from mining, they should promote mining in the United States. We have environmental laws to minimize the impact on the earth. Would they really prefer buying such minerals from third-world countries where there is very little of no environmental regulations?

We do not like the looks of wind farms on public lands as we drive down the highways. It is a fact of life that more energy is needed and we except that.



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