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Comments: You have asked to give input on the Midas Gold operation in the West Central Mountain Area of Idaho concerning the old Stibnite Mining site.

First of all my hats off to Midas Gold for doing so much positive job by educating and wanting to bring good paying jobs back that been lost some time ago. So far I have seen nothing but encouragement of putting Midas Gold to work. It will provide once again to our local economy a diverse opportunity in the job market. It will provide families a stable job and year around income. That alone is amazing. Our local merchants will once again know a year around robust business community, not just seasonal employment.

The shut down of Boise Cascade saw mills in the area are still felt and talked about. The Council Lumber Mill was shut down, The McCall Mill burned. Cascade Lumber Mill was shut down, Horseshoe Bend Mill was shut down. Some mining projects shut down. All had been Industries that provided a good stable economy to people, our county & our city governments. It has been a long wait for diversity in our local job market to come back on the private sector. It would be a-shame if we could not stand behind the growth for use and the next generations to come and be able to stay local to find good paying work.

In the past I have worked for Silver King Mines out of Cuprum, near Bear, Idaho. During the late 70's to 80's I figured payroll in the approximate amount of \$250,000 Dollars per month. The money circulated 4 times before it left the area, adding 1,000,000 Dollar each month to the local business and government community. A must have to provide good education and keep our infrastructure sound and improving.

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power to do things right in a environmentally responsible way.

Mining is one of the early industries that put Idaho on the map and is part of our heritage. Lets don't let it be a forgotten fact what put us in the beginning on the map and made Idaho what it is today. A state with resource, opportunity and incredible people that need to work and be able to raise kids that also can stay where they have grown up and see a future for them selfs. Quite frankly it is all about the next generation we need to look out for.

Respectful,

Doris Armacost

My thought regarding Midas Gold operating in the West Central Mountain Area of Idaho concerning the former Stibnite Mining site.

Congratulations to Midas Gold for doing so much positive job by educating the public and there desire to wade through all of today's bureaucracy to even try & operate a mining operation. If this venture is allowed to happen it will provide once again to our local economy a diverse opportunity in the job market. It will provide families a stable job and year around income, rather than the current seasonal tourism. Our local merchants will once again know what a year around robust business community, not just seasonal employment.

During the 90's we saw basically the end to a robust lumber industry here in the area. It would be disappointing if we could not stand behind the opportunity to once again see a viable economical boost to the local economies.

Having grown up on a beef cattle ranch & worked in several different industries such as mining, logging, & tourism; I have personally seen the need for diversification of the local economy.

Allowing Midas Gold to move forward in a responsible fashion needs to happen in a timely manner. It would be quite disappointing to see this great opportunity pigeon holed in court litigation and/or government bureaucracy for many years. Where only the Attorneys rack up billable hours & the bureaucrats keep themselves in a job, providing nothing but another financial drain on the local economy.

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Several years ago I had the opportunity to serve of a Resource Advisory Council (RAC) for the Forest Supervisor of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. While serving on this board I attended numerous meeting listening to numerous bureaucrats do nothing but create a job for themselves, what a waste of time. On the same side was another group that was against virtually anything & everything. Again it was proved that this group was doing nothing but creating themselves a paying job. Mean while here I was setting on the RAC as a none paid volunteer trying to do something positive for the local area.

Back in the late 80's early 90's I attended several meetings, on my own time-not as a paid bureaucrat, regarding the reintroduction of wolves in the area. Again what a waste of time trying to do the right thing. We now unfortunately have wolves in the area. Having spent most of my 54 years working & enjoying the outdoors I have personally seen the incredible negative effects of the reintroduction of wolves to our local area. If Midas Gold is actually allowed to responsibly mine the Stibnite area they will most certainly not have nearly as negative effect on the natural resources in the area as wolves unfortunately have done.

Respectfully,

Bret Armacost