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Comments: 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 in the USA. 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 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 unfortunate financial drain on the local economy.

Midas Gold has stepped out to demonstrated and advocate good mining
practices. The company shows its willingness and efforts on all aspects for a
sustainable healthy environment that many generations to come can enjoy.
Midas Gold appears to be doing everything in its power to do things right in a
environmentally responsible way.
Several years ago I had the opportunity to serve on a Resource Advisory Council (RAC) for the Forest Supervisor of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. While serving on this board I attended numerous meetings listening to numerous
bureaucrats do nothing but create a job for themselves, what a waste of time. On the same side at these meetings was a (paid to be there) special interest group that was against virtually anything & everything. It was proved that this special interest group was doing nothing but creating themselves a paid job. Mean while here I was setting on the RAC as a none paid volunteer trying to do something positive and the right thing for the local area.

e 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 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.
Hopefully common sense will prevail here. Most everyone in todays society wears Gold Jewelry of some type at times. Whether you like it of not, that gold jewelry all came from some sort of mining; do you know if the gold jewelry your wearing came from responsible mining such as Midas Goldts Stibnite project or some where that the environment was literally trashed?