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Comments: According to Midas Gold the Stibnite mine will be very beneficial not only to the economy but, to the environment. This is almost completely untrue. According to The Springer Journal closures of mines have devastating effects on the communities involved. These side effects include rise in poverty, deterioration of living standards, increase in outward migration, emergence of crime and diseases, decline in the provision of services, reduction in employment opportunities in the mine and second-order employment, etc. The mine may be good for the economy temporarily but, after it closes every community involved will be left in disrepair.

The other issue is the environmental impact. Two species of endangered fish are native to The South Fork of the Salmon; the cutthroat trout and the chinook salmon not to mention all the other species of aquatic life. American Whitewater say that since the 1800's when the first Stibnite mine opened levels of arsenic, mercury and antimony have risen in the South Fork and surrounding rivers killing many different native species. Recently millions of dollars have been spent repairing these rivers. Reopening the Stibnite mine will undo all this work. and return the water to a toxic state. This could not only be catastrophic for the river but, also for the towns and cities downstream. The only parties positively impacted by this mine will be Midas Gold and their investors.