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Comments: The Stibnite mine is not a good economic value for Idaho and it is a terrible option from an environmental standpoint.
1) Gold is not a needed mineral in the US, Antimony would be the key mineral. This mineral would need to be transported to Asia to refine. Mining of Antimony is not a very proficient way to obtain Antimony, previous mining tailings is a better place to find the Antimony.
2) Historically the only jobs that mining companies provide are the super fund jobs that are left once the environment is destroyed, the company goes bankrupt and leaves town. Midas Gold is a Canadian company that is coming into our sovereign soil with hopes of using the lax environmental laws to extract the antimony.
3) The profit to the company (Canadian, not Idaho) is $300 mil for 12 years. That is only $25 mil per year. More and more Americans are getting outdoors and Idaho is poised to be the outdoor state. The outdoor industry is growing and will soon be the largest economy in Idaho. This area of Idaho is a pristine area that is prime, hunting, fishing, white water kayaking and hiking destination. Once a mining company comes in, it cannot be undone. Other states were wishing they could have the prospects for outdoor recreation that Idaho has. It would be a shame for us to give up that pristine recreational economy forever, just to satisfy the profits of a Canadian mining company for 10 to 12 years, only to leave it forever unusable for a outdoor economy that is up and coming.
4) An outdoor recreation economy is better for the Idaho people, opens up the great American forests to more people and better for the environment, than a antiquated mining venture that is destined to leave the site as a super fund site.