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Demand for Molybdenum Increasing: CuMo Exploration Project Received Formal Letters of Approval To Continue

By Janet Juroch

With demands for Molybdenum increasing, it has been good timing for CuMo Exploration Project to get formal approvals for the Exploration Assessment. This is an 8 year scientific exploration project to study the molybdenum deposit in Boise County. The Idaho Department of Commerce, along with the Boise County Commissioners agreed that the project is a good thing for economic growth while preserving the environment during the exploration activities. Molybdenum is being prized for its variety of uses

Molybdenum has many uses and is rapidly becoming a resource for green technologies and alternative energy. It is used in many industrial products. It enhances steel strength, increases temperature performance and resists corrosion, so it is used in structural stainless steel products. It can be found in industrial greases and motor vehicle components. Military and Jet aircrafts along with oil

and gas industry look to "moly" playing an important role in their products. There is a global demand for molybdenum. Projections for use of this element appear to be growing steadily according to Roskill Information Services Ltd.

Molybdenum is also an essential element in human nutrition and has been used to treat rare inherited metabolic diseases. The mineral has low toxicity. According to cancer.org website, it is showing promise in animal studies to reduce harmful effects of certain cancer drugs on the heart and lungs.

According to the Boise County Commissioners, they listened to what the people

of the county desired with the implementation of the CuMo Exploration Project. Many citizens requested a more natural resource based economy. That is why the exploration project for assessing a molybdenum mine seems to fit with economic development. Boise County Commissioners felt this project would fit the desires of the people in the community.

The Idaho Department of Commerce also weighed in with good comments. The IDC felt that this is a project that will help with the economics of the

county "without any adverse affect on the environment" according to a note in a letter sent to the US Forest Service. Their feeling is that there will be millions of dollars in tax revenue to the State of Idaho. Many high paying, family wage jobs will be created from this project.

The IDC is working in partnership with Boise County Job Creation and Retention Council to keep this project moving forward. The IDC feels that this is a "win-win scenario" for everyone involved.

Likewise, the Boise County Commissioners submitted its letter to the US Forest Service in September. This letter supports Alternative Plan B in the CuMo Exploration Project. Their comments highlighted

the importance of addressing issues and staying on top of the environmental impacts of the agreements. Water Drafting, Local Land Use Regulations and County Road Maintenance were the topic of most concern. Boise County wants to make sure that the best solutions are there for the citizens and managed appropriately.

As long as standards are met, the exploration phase of the CuMo Project will go on. These letters go a long way in pursuing the advancement of the project.

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