



IDAHO MINING ASSOCIATION



IT'S  
IN OUR  
NATURE.

# Idaho Mining

Keeping Idaho a Gem



# Who We Are.

Idaho Mining Association is made up of more than 100 companies in Idaho.



We represent all stages and aspects of mineral development

- Exploration
- Mining
- Mineral processing
- Restoration



Our members live in all corners of Idaho

- Directly employ close to 4,500 men and women
- Provide high wage, career advancing opportunities in rural and urban Idaho

## What We Believe:

**Our Vision :** The Idaho Mining Association advocates for a responsible and sustainable mining industry, benefitting our state and local communities.

**Our Mission:** To be recognized as the trusted voice of Idaho's mining industry

## What We Do:

Provide the minerals that we use on a daily basis

Add value to the materials we mine

Build strong, lasting community partnerships

Reclaim and restore the ecosystems when mining ceases

## What We Contribute:

More than \$1.4 billion in gross state product

More than \$735 million in total compensation

More than \$130 million in state and local taxes

More than 10,500 direct/indirect jobs



# U.S. Reliance on Critical Minerals

🛠️ In 2022, the United States was 100% net import reliant for **12** of the **50** individually listed critical minerals

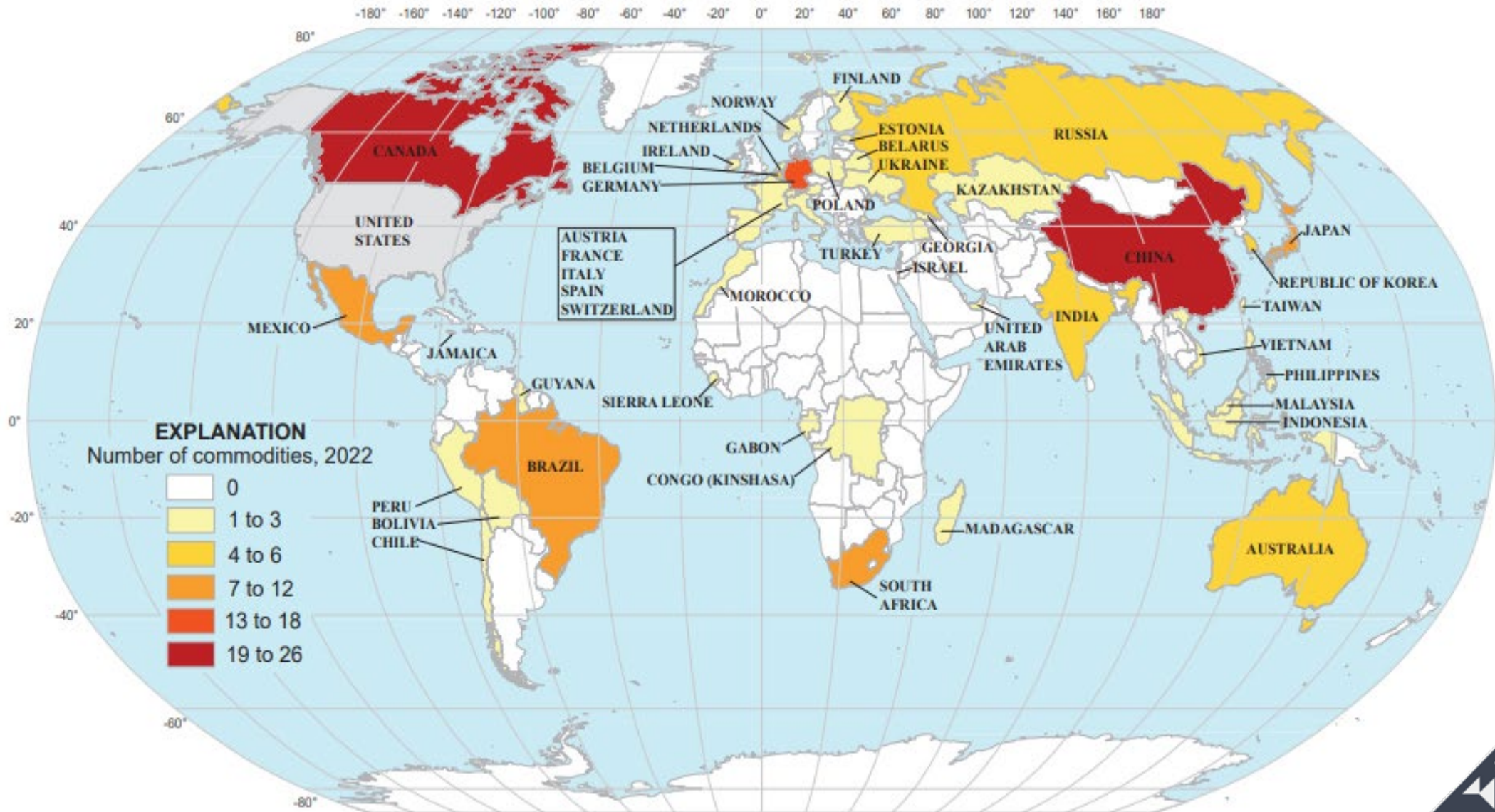
- The U.S. was more than 50% net import reliant for an additional 31 critical mineral commodities

🛠️ **China** was the leading producing nation for 30 of the 50 critical minerals identified by the USGS in 2022

- Other leading producers of critical minerals...
  - Australia
  - South Africa
  - Congo

🛠️ The United States military relies on many of these critical minerals for our national security and defense, many of which are controlled by China

# Major Import Sources of Nonfuel Mineral Commodities for Which the United States was Greater Than 50% Net Import Reliant in 2022





Source: US Geological Survey 2023

# Idaho has a lot to Offer

## Idaho has a wealth of mineral resources

- Idaho has critical minerals that can contribute to our **national defense** and **economy**
- Idaho has minerals that are pivotal to achieving our **energy and manufacturing** goals
  - semiconductors, rechargeable batteries, solar panels, wind turbines, ect...
- Idaho has minerals that are important for **technological advances**

 In 2022, Idaho was part of a western region that produced over \$27 billion in metals and metallic minerals, and \$9 billion in other industrial minerals

 Idaho has many great projects that would substantially boost our economic contributions if permitted

# NEPA Process

- ✚ Proposed mining projects on federally-managed lands must go through the National Environmental Policy Act review process .
- ✚ It takes an average of 7 -10 years to permit a mine in the United States.
- ✚ Delayed return on investment, general uncertainty associated with mine permitting and legal challenges can deter investment.
- ✚ Countries with effective permitting processes and mineral strategies will win the race for national security and investment dollars.
- ✚ Congress must address mine permitting reform for the U.S. to remain globally competitive.

# Opportunity in Idaho

- ⚡ Larger role for the state in federal permitting
  - Bolstering agency technical resources
  - Rely on 3<sup>rd</sup> party industry experts to provide specialty expertise
- ⚡ Encourage rather than discourage mineral entry and development on state and federal lands
- ⚡ Need well coordinated agencies
  - Consolidate duplicative efforts throughout state government
    - Comments
    - Financial Assurances
    - Regulatory Framework
  - Coordinate timing and interagency decisions to allow for concurrent approval
  - Open communication with proponents of projects
- ⚡ Work with federal partners to improve access to mineral entry and mine permitting



# Questions?

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