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IN ONE DAY

In order to maintain our standard of living, every day:

- 18,000,000 tons of raw material must be mined, cut or harvested to meet the demands of U.S. citizens (about 150 pounds for every man, woman and child);
- 640 acres (one square mile) of carpeting is woven using barite and limestone/dolomite;
- 9,700,000 square feet of plate and window glass (about 223 acres) are used, enough to cover 200 football fields, using silica sand and trona;
- 2,750 acres of pavement are laid - four times as much surface area as is mined - enough concrete and asphalt to make a bicycle path 7 feet wide from coast to coast using sand, gravel, stone aggregate, and limestone;
- 4,000,000 eraser tipped pencils are purchased (enough erasers to correct all mistakes from 1,500 miles of notebook paper - about 129 acres of "goofs") using graphite, kaolin, pumice, copper and zinc;
- 426 bushels of paper clips (35,000,000) are purchased. Seven million are actually used, 8-9 million are lost and almost 5 million are twisted up by nervous fingers during telephone conversations, all using iron, clay, limestone, trona and zinc;
- 164 square miles of newsprint is used to print 62.5 million newspapers (enough to line a bird cage 12 miles wide and 13 miles long) using trona and kaolin;
- 400 acres of asphalt roofing are nailed down, utilizing silica, borate, limestone, trona, feldspar, talc, and silica sand;
- 187,000 tons of cement are mixed (enough to construct a four foot wide sidewalk from coast to coast) using limestone, sand, gravel, and stone aggregate;
- 36,000,000 light bulbs are purchased, all made from tungsten, trona, silica sand, copper and aluminum;
- 10 tons of colored gravel is purchased for aquariums;
- 80 pounds of gold are used to fill 500,000 dental cavities;
- 50,000 pounds of toothpaste (2.5 million tubes) are used (enough to fill a small jet liner) requiring calcium carbonate, zeolites, trona, clays, silica and fluoride.
- 1,000,000 photographs are snapped (more than 29 acres of wallet sized photos) using silver and iodine.

"ALL, JUST IN ONE DAY!" WHO SAYS WE DO NOT NEED MINERALS!

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