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(Scoping Comment Form)
To Whom It May Concern:

I am very concerned about the inevitable water contamination, habitat destruction and large reclamation bill posed by, Midas Gold's proposal in the South Fork of the Salmon River drainage.

The possibility of cyanide and other toxic chemicals contaminating the water quality of the East Fork of the South Fork (EFSF) and the South Fork Salmon River and other tributary creeks is of great concern to myself.

I have concerns about compromising the endangered species habitat (bull trout, for example) from sediment loading and waterway alterations (putting the EFSF into a tube while mining the Glory Hole).

Also, I would like to see extensive plant surveys done of ~~all~~ the disturbance areas within the St. Bernard Gold Project, for Bent-Flower Milk Vetch (Astragalus vexilliflexus var. vexilliflexus). Since this plant is a species of conservation concern in Idaho, it needs to be protected. Any proposed mining operation could be detrimental to the species.

Another concern I have is the Burntlog access Road, as it impacts 5 Inventoried Roadless Areas (IRA). As I understand it, at least 1/2 mile of road will be constructed between 2 jeep trails/ATV trails that has not been disturbed previously. This area is adjacent to the wilderness and building a road impacting several headwater streams is a concern.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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