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Greetings,

First off, I'd like to say thank you for your work in the Forrest Service. I appreciate what you do especially considering the budget you have to work with.

I'm writing because I'm extremely concerned with the proposal that Midas Gold has submitted to mine in the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. Open pit mining has a terrible and long history for toxic contamination for wild life, the soil and our precious river systems. Companies like Midas Gold make promises to keep the area they mine protected, but as we know, those promises fall far short of what was intended and the Idaho taxpayer ends up holding the bag for the clean-up and disposal of the incredibly toxic mess the miners leave behind.

The East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River needs our protection now and for future generations. Please don't let the safety of this waterway and the surrounding land to be ruined possibly forever. Thank you for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Melissa Harris

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