

Payette National Forest Supervisor,

I was employed in the aggregate industry as a GM of a family owned large producer in the aggregate, asphalt, and concrete industry. I personally led the permitting of several new aggregate sites in addition to the expansion of existing sites. I worked with County, State, and ACOE in these permitting efforts. Some of this permitting occurred along the Willamette River in the flood plain. I have worked with NMFS and have participated in Section 7 consultation with them successfully balancing our needs with the environment in an area that included several listed species. I have closely looked at the DEIS on the Midas Gold site and have never seen a clearer example of this type of balancing having a positive impact on a area with a troubled history. I believe that this opportunity to correct all of the environmental degradation of past mining and leave behind a fully functioning eco-system is critical and should be permitted and begun as soon as possible. The risk is negligible and with the proper financial assurances in place it will have a positive impact. I have traveled all over this area beginning as a young child and am as familiar with the whole area from the South Fork to the Middle Fork as almost all other people of Idaho.

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