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Comments: Dear Payette Forest Supervisor Keith Lannom and staff,

I would like to begin by stating that I appreciate the economic value of the upcoming Midas Gold open pit mining project. However, as an Idaho native and Earth Scientist who loves to enjoy the beautiful outdoors that Idaho has to

over, I ask that you please carefully consider the environmental impact of this project. I think it is great that Midas Gold would be required to remediate previous mining activities and environmental damage to the area, but the amount of potential environmental damage that could occur with an open pit mining project is, quite frankly, deeply

upsetting. How can we be certain that Midas Gold won't leave the site in an damaged and unremediated condition when they are done exploiting the land? How do we know they won't leave the land with high levels of contamination from heavy metals? What are you doing to ensure Midas Gold doesn't cause further damage? What

are you doing to protect our land?

I hope you consider the future of our State and its natural environment. I appreciate your work and thank you for your time.

Dr. Randi Walters