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Comments: Comments from Donnelly residents for inclusion in the record.

I grew up in Valley County, served 24 years with the Military, and retired back here in 1993. I have seen this county's economic rollercoaster ride from mining, to lumbering, to tourism. I would like to see several years of economic prosperity for the segment of our population that doesn't have a government sponsored job.

You have shown great due diligence in your research to this point just as MIDAS has demonstrated their commitment to a prosperous and beneficial project for the county. If this project is allowed to die because of outside the county and state pressure, then the taxpayers of the nation will be on the hook for the future cleanup of the site. Given our nation's current record on superfund site cleanup, I believe you must agree with me; in that situation, the area will never get cleaned up. The East Fork of the South Fork will be forever contaminated, and fish will never again migrate freely to the Meadow Creek spawning grounds.

In the past years, I have been fortunate enough to garner some income from MIDAS flying their material, personnel, and investor parties to the site. I am intimately knowledgeable in the history and their plans for the site. Being very familiar with the topography, I applaud their willingness to haul over the old Thunder Mountain road out to Burnt Log. They are accepting a much higher dollar cost on that route than using the east fork route.

As an aside, please consider, if I paid people to gather signatures on a street corner in any metropolitan area, I could gather over ten times as many signatures as could be gathered in the whole state of Idaho in the same time, so please give appropriate weight to local people's comments.

Please approve the proposed plan as the USFS's preferred action.