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Comments: My family and I are very concerned about the proposed 20 year Stibnite Mine Project. This will have a profound and negative effect on the scenic mountains of the Boise National Forest.

The environmental impact will be significant, releasing arsenic and mercury into the pristine headwaters of the Salmon River. There will be hundreds of trucks per day clogging up Warm Lake highway and spewing diesel into the air. They will be noisy and disrupt the serenity of the Warm Lake area. Cars will not be able to safely pass these trucks as the road is winding and narrow. Nearly one thousand employees will be making the trek from Cascade to Scott Valley, past Warm Lake and toward Yellow Pine daily.

The proposed operating hours of the mine (6 am to 8 pm) 5 days per week and 12 months per year is excessive and disruptive. Sound travels far and wide in the mountains and all of this activity will be easily heard by all those recreating in the area early in the morning and late at night.

We ask that this project be stopped before it starts and effectively ruins the area for 20 years and the environmental impact will be felt for decades after that. If it must continue we ask that the working hours be modified to a more reasonable schedule. (e.g. 9 am to 6 pm) . We ask that Midas Gold pays for and enforces paved turnouts every few miles that trucks must use when they are holding up traffic. We ask that workers park cars in Cascade or Scott Valley and use buses to transport them to the mine. We ask that the number of trucks allowed to move material on the roadway be reduced (130 daily trips equates to very slow moving traffic and increased probability of accidents and chemical spillage)

Please take these concerns seriously and help us implement some reasonable changes to help make this unfortunate situation a little bit easier to swallow. It's a shame that our beautiful mountains and the greater environment is allowed to be damaged beyond repair by a foreign outfit for short term gain.

This entire project is bad idea that should have never been approved in the first place. It is a shame we have come to this point.