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Comments: The Forest Service,

I am writing to urge you to oppose the proposed Midas Gold mine. This slice of Idaho is worthy of utmost protection!

I know Idaho and the Salmon river drainages by way of the river, and put it at the top of my list of best runs in the country. I have worked as a raft guide & kayak instructor, wilderness leader & interpreter across our country, and there is no place to compare to the ENTIRE Salmon river drainage! This is due to the Wilderness designation, and ought to be extended to include the South Fork Salmon watershed.

The Midas Gold mine could have such a prolonged effect on the headwaters, while only generating short term profits. And where are these profits going - to a corporation, not the local community. This area is crucial to wildlife and is powerful to the American people due to its wildness. Prolonged damage that are carbon intensive cannot be offset, these effects will add to climate change.

I hope the Forest Service considers how to use the land for renewable resource in a sustainable way!

The South Fork cannot suffer any more damage. Not from the headwaters. It deserves the Wild and Scenic designation that is just over the ridge.

Please do not approve the Midas Gold mine.

ATTACHMENT: Photograph of whitewater boater near a river