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Comments: I moved to Idaho when I was two years old, and have grown up exploring Idaho's mountains, rivers, and backcountry all my life. I love Idaho deeply. As an Idahoan, I am opposed to Midas Gold reopening the pit mines near the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River.

History has shown the fragility of mining in this area. It was declared a SuperFund site in the late 1990s, and the Environmental Protection Agency spent $13 billion to clean it up. Now, organizations such as Idaho Rivers United and the Idaho Conservation League are speaking up in opposition of the proposed mining plan. As the Idaho Conservation League notes: "... having seen the impact of previous mining projects in the Stibnite area and throughout Idaho, we don't think that the current open-pit mine plan is compatible with protecting the clean water, fish, wildlife and recreation in the South Fork Salmon River headwaters."

I urge all Idahoans to reject the Midas Gold plan to mine the region near the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon. Idaho's fish, rivers, and mountains deserve our support.