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Comments: I urge you to reject the Midas Gold Plan to mine near the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon. My husband and I spent our careers in the outfitting business in Idaho and saw first hand the value of our natural resources and their contribution to Idaho's economy. Potential risks of this plan and associated costs of mitigation/clean-up are vast. In simple financial terms, maintaining the integrity of the watershed holds far greater value for recreation and tourism. At the very least, I urge you to alter the open pit design and to enhance mitigation. Thank you for your time.