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Comments: I am a resident of Cascade and frequent visitor of the East Fork South Fork and South Fork Salmon Rivers. The South Fork Salmon River is my favorite river in the world and is very important to me for its recreational, geological, and ecological values. Midas Gold's propositions to open "brownsites" for gold and antimony extractions will undoubtedly increase the amounts of heavy metals and sediment in the rivers, affecting water quality and harming not only humans that live and recreate downstream of Stibnite but also heavily impact flora and fauna of the region negatively. Please do not support Midas Gold's propositions to open these mines in the region. Their claims to be doing so to clean up past mining harms to the region are merely a facade to fool the public into allowing them to mine for large profits. They are unconcerned about restoring past mining harm and are motivated only by money. Please speak out for the Wild Places in the Salmon drainage. The Frank Church Wilderness and Salmon River are one of the few remaining wild and unspoiled places in the country; allowing them to harm these places would be going against the Wild and Scenic Rivers and Wilderness Acts (also places sacred to the Shoshone-Bannock tribe as well).

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