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Comments: I attended the information meeting at the Payette Forest Supervisor's Office on June 28 and have the following comments.

A. the materials identifying the project were good, but I could not get an understanding of how the EFSFSR channel was to be restored. Are there residuals in the old spoil material that, if used to restore the channel, would preclude healthy fish habitat?

B. When Burntlog Road is constructed and a new Meadow Creek connector is made, will there be the opportunity for additional commercial timber harvest and/or fuels management from those corridors? Will there be any opportunity to make other connectivity roadways for the interim 25 to 35 year life of the project?

C. Will the phased mining activities also include phased closeout activities. I do not think Midas should postpone closeout and reclamation of an area once their mining activities in that area are completed.

D. Is DOL the lead agency in reclamation activities? If not, what other agencies are consulted and will sign off on reclamation?

E. It was stated that after the mine closes, Burntlog road would be obliterated. Is that decision subject to reconsideration at a future date? There may be other environmental and commercial benefits to the area for the road that are discovered during the use period. There are some very good backcountry destinations that are located in the vicinity.

F. Things I liked from the initial presentation:

1. Planning for traffic and living conditions

2. Economic benefit to Valley County

3. Cleaning up the historical spoil areas

G. I do not think enough attention has been given to timber resources and long term forest health at this stage of the planning effort. I realize these are Boise National Forest issues, but I would like to see either PNF or BNF weigh in on forest health management as a result of opening up this mine and the new construction that is anticipated.

H. There has been nothing presented that tracks the money. Who builds and maintains Burntlog Road, revenue projections to the county, projected economic impacts of payrolls in McCall and Cascade, new demands on city and county services including underfunded recreational opportunities, and potential impacts on the police and county jail system. I think the county needs to assist in the development of this analysis.