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Comments: Re: Stibnite Midas Gold Plan

Dear Sir or Madam,
My family has owned property in Yellow Pine since the 1960's. We cherish the pristine rivers and wilderness, and, especially, enjoy the remoteness of Yellow Pine. We have appreciated Midas Gold for what it has contributed to the area, e.g. road improvements, donations, and attempts to clarify their goals and implementation of their plan. That said, we are NOT pleased with their plan to block access to areas we--and others--have enjoyed for years. The Frank Church Wilderness, Roosevelt Lake, and Cinnebar, via Sugar Creek, are some of the most beautiful areas of Idaho. Although the proposed Burnt Log Road is a good idea, to divert the amount of traffic the plan anticipates, it seems hypocritical to create a new road in a "roadless area," then close an existing road. The double standard of allowing this Canadian company to construct a new road in a roadless area, and then use the same argument (roadless area) against creating another temporary access around the Midas sight for all to continue enjoying is blatantly wrong. To penalize a town that has, historically, enjoyed a great working relationship with Stibnite is wrong. Even worse is blocking Idahoans and guests from experiencing the area. Again, I have supported Midas Gold's Plan and their project. However, should Midas Gold and/or the Forest Service turn their backs on the people of Yellow Pine by creating unreasonably long detours to areas that have been accessible for decades, the ill will created may not be worth the gold they extract. Thanks for the opportunity to express myself.