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Comments: I oppose Midas Gold Mine and the Stibnite open-pit mining project near McCall for several reasons. First and foremost, however, is that it is totally unacceptable and highly suspect for the USFS to allow the mining company itself to conduct and write its own environmental statement! This inappropriate and makes no sense. The other reasons I oppose this project are that each of the two options offered by Midas do irreparable damage either to the Salmon River headwaters or to Meadow Creek, both of which endanger the water and habitat of chinook salmon and other fish important to Idaho's recreation and tourism industry. Millions of tons of toxic mining waste will be released into the environment, and one of the options creates a new mining road through a pristine roadless area, which is totally unacceptable. Both options would require new water treatment facilities in nearby communities to keep people safe.