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Comments: Hello,

I'm writing to express my opposition to Midas Gold's proposed mine in the headwaters of the South Fork of the Salmon River. My concerns are numerous, but mostly revolve around the pollution and contamination that will inevitably occur in the river systems. While Midas promises many jobs, the reality of these types of projects is that companies usually hire more outsiders than locals, so the work generated will likely be negligible, and it will also be short-term. Conversely, building a robust tourism industry, which McCall already has (and many surrounding communities such as Cascade, Yellow Pine, and Burgdorf are in the process of building) is a sustainable, long-lasting alternative. People come from all over the country (and the world) to enjoy fishing, hot springs, whitewater, hiking, and hunting in these wild areas where Midas wants to build their mine. Mining is an industry that creates massive waste, pollution and is a known contaminator of rivers. It just doesn't make sense to allow the Midas Mine in an area with such rich, sustainable tourism potential.

Thank you for considering my comment.

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