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Comments: I am writing today to register my strongest objection to the proposed Midas Gold Mine project. In my 30 years as an Idaho resident never have I seen such an extraordinary white washing of facts and circumstances. Even if you disregard the fact that never in the history of mining has there been an adequate clean up of a mine site and the fact that Idaho still has several superfund sites, the fact that Midas will be allowed to pledge assets of a company that will be closed after the minerals are extracted is ridiculous. The amount of money that the forest service has been required to spend to even study this project could have been better spent by cleaning up the current toxic mess. As a business owner in McCall that whose employees now struggle to find housing to live and work here, the additional strain of 500 more people looking for housing in Valley County will make the situation untenable.

Again please register my strongest objection to permitting this project.

Dave Petty