

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/1/2020 3:41:12 PM

First name: Ryan

Last name: Pethick

Organization:

Title:

Comments: The stibnite mine on the salmon is completely unnecessary and will leave the entire area of the operation in shambles after it is over. To start, there will be a very large amount of negative environmental impacts to the Salmon River. There are a multitude of endangered fish species that are native to the salmon river, and the mining will contaminate the water, placing the lives of these species in even more danger than it already was in. The mining will also destroy large amounts of habitats, killing even more animals and completely shaking up the ecosystem. On top of that, there are many towns that rely on the salmon river for their economies, and if we allow Midas to pollute the river with their mining, although it may open up job opportunities for some people, these are short term jobs. Mining is also one of the most dangerous, and low paying jobs. Then after the mining is done, these people will no longer have jobs, and the rest of the economy that relies on the Salmon river will be completely destroyed. In conclusion, the stibnite mine on the Salmon River will be very harmful to both the environment and the long term economic stability of any towns that rely on the Salmon.