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Comments: My name is Lindsay Zullo and I am a teacher and outdoor enthusiast who enjoys, values, and respects the rivers and spectacular whitewater resources of Idaho. I am concerned about the proposed mining project on the South Fork Salmon for many reasons, including the health and well-being of Idaho citizens and wildlife, as well as the environmental impact it will have.

The DEIS states that "following closure and reclamation, the overall net effect will be a loss of both quality and quantity of habitat compared to existing conditions." As a resident of the lower Columbia River basin, the rising temperatures in the river are becoming inhabitable for many species of migratory fish. This proposal states that Chinook Salmon, a species protected under the Endangered Species Act, will face stream temperature rise of up to 4 degrees celsius in these native spawning grounds. This is impossible to ignore.

In June, 2020, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game submitted a statement that the Chinook Salmon fishing season would not be available related to a decrease in returning fish. How does Midas plan to mitigate the loss in Chinook Salmon runs with their current mining proposal?

I notice there is a lot of other missing information, and the best way to capture that is with a supplement DEIS. So, as a responsible agency involved with managing wildlife, and especially a keystone species of fish listed on the ESA, I ask that you please provide the aforementioned information.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns.

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