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Comments: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Midas Gold mining project.

The mining industry typically does not have a record of leaving improvements, but rather altering the landscape and leaving toxic residues to last long after the mining project is finished. There is every chance that Midas Gold, a for-profit company, will follow the same course of action. Idaho will be left with irreparable damage to water and wildlife habitat. Central Idaho's recreation and tourist industry will be scarred as well.

In considering this company's proposal, let us prioritize the long term stewardship of our great state and not allow mining to proceed.

I am very much opposed to the Midas mining plan.