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Comments: I oppose the approval of this project for the following reasons:

* I am a 4th generation Idahoan whose great grandfather and brothers were Idaho City gold miners in the late 1800's. I remember visiting Idaho City as a child and seeing the destruction left behind by the mines/dredges/hillsides diggings. I have lived in Colorado and have seen the devastation caused by the mines in the beautiful valleys of the Rockies. Nothing will stop a mining company from destroying the landscape no matter what they say. This will occur not only at the mining sight but on any roads they use. Idaho's natural beauty will be destroyed around these areas and the noise and disruption will affect any Idahoan in their vicinity.

* I remember my father taking us to the South Fork of the Salmon River to see the salmon that had come to spawn. There were hundreds of fish and now hardly any. Midas Gold talks big but does not really care about these wonderful creatures in the river.

* I have traveled through Wyoming where big industry has destroyed the landscape and in towns such as Rock Springs the workers hang out in motels and bars and degrade the community. Midas Gold will not hire workers from our community, they will be brought in to live without families and send the money home, not into our local economy.

* None of the revenue from the mines will be used in Valley County but sent to those whose wealth already exceeds any average citizen. Our schools, our medical facilities, our community events will not be better.

Please do not approve this mining project. It is not necessary or of any benefit to our local economy or lifestyle.

Thank you.