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Comments: For 41 years as an Idaho resident, I have spent many wonderful times recreating around the back country of Cascade, McCall and Yellowpine. There are still so many scars of past mining practices on the land, rivers and creeks there. All causing severe impacts into the entire ecosystem. The opening of the Stibnite mine for gold and antimony is another BIGGER and BADDER insult to this fragile ecosystem that still has not healed from the past mining disasters.

The new HUGE proposed mine has potentially more serious consequences due to its size, years of mining, and impact of people, big machines and long hours of operation. After reading Midas information, some of the DEIS concerns and issues, I feel that the risks of this large scale operation far outweigh the benefits to the ecosystem and people who will be employed.

I am concerned about the lack of addressing the "worse case scenario" events in the DEIS, specifically on mine workers human health. Antimony, a mineral, is a serious occupational toxic hazard to humans over years of exposure. It can cause problems to our eyes, skin, lungs, pancreas and other organs. Even cancer. The mining, transporting and storage of it are all threats to human health. There is no doubt in my mind, that before the entire operation would be over, people will be getting sick. Midas could be sued by hundreds of workers whose lives have been comprised by antimony exposure. Midas is saying that \$1 Billion in projected profits will come back to Idaho for infrastructure. I think that money will going to help those sickened. The risk to human lives is not worth all the gold and antimony in the world.

I have received in the mail several glossy postcards from Midas on their "COUNT ME IN" campaign that claim the "GOOD BENEFITS" of the project. We know from past history, and biased advertising that the fake hope and false truths can impact us in negative ways. The 1872 Mining Act does not provide adequate bonds to support or fully fund the clean up costs of the ecosystem or human life in the event of a mining caused or natural caused disaster. Without secure bonds, Who pays for the mess? Any financial gains that our communities would receive, would be lost. We, the taxpayers, would be left again to clean up the mess left by Midas. So, Midas can "COUNT ME OUT"!

Please give the public more time to study, analyse, research and closely consider more options before the permitting process begins. WE CAN DO BETTER!!! Our voices do matter in this decision!