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Comments: I would like to see the stakeholders (i.e. Nez Perce Nation, US Forrest Service, EPA, Dept of Defense, Midas Gold Corp, etc.) take a more positive interest in requesting the Nez Perce Nation to drop their litigation against the Midas Gold project and move forward with a compromise. This action could be court approved and monitored so that major steps can be taken by Midas Gold to protect the environment and improve fish and wildlife habitat. Dropping the litigation would help get the project off the ground before losing more interested investors due to falling stock prices. I feel I have legal standing as an investor in making these comments. This may be the only opportunity to correct the damages done from the reclamation left undone by mining operations in the late 1800's and since the WWII needs of the 1940's. Midas Gold has the money, knowhow, manpower and equipment to get the job done. The restoration of fish and wildlife habitat should be the major concern of all the parties involved, while actively extracting Gold to back our US currency and Antimony for our military needs.

I know of 3 places in the world where we can get our Antimony: China, Mexico and Idaho. During the 1800's Gold was discovered in Idaho and there was little or no interest at the time in other minerals. Greed was the reason for the scars left upon the land. However, in WWII Antimony became a major concern for our Defense Department as the Japanese cut off our ability to acquire Antimony for our military from China. Thus, the Stibnite mining project moved forward in Idaho as a national emergency without regard for Mother Earth. The scars upon the land are still there to this day. If there is a war with China, Russia, Iran or North Korea, the US would not be able to rely on Antimony from China. (China is currently testing us with their saber rattling). We have to be self sufficient in our ability to acquire this mineral and not rely on China. I am aware of a US company mining Antimony in Mexico but I would not want to rely on that government, while we have an abundant source right here in the Idaho Stibnite Mining District right here in the USA. I think President Trump is aware of the importance of this project and has encouraged less governmental restrictions. I believe he is still aware of the environmental importance of fish habitat. He has closed down a major gold operation this past week, that was planned in Alaska, which houses one of the largest salmon spawning grounds in the world.

Midas Gold has pledged to build a fish tunnel to re-route the main stream and allow native salmon to access their native spawning grounds that have been closed off for 70 or more years. This would be similar in concept to fish ladders allowing salmon to get upstream and spawn in areas where Dams block their natural stream access. Midas Gold will start the diversion and reclamation process upfront prior to their future operations (pre-reclamation is unheard of by any of our major mining companies these days and Midas should be commended). They will grind the old tailings and extract gold and other minerals using new modern mining technology to pay for the operation and use the grind to build their access roads. They will employ workers from the local area and improve the rural economy as well. If there is any contaminant leaching into the water from the old tailings and/or silt from a dam failure, it should be easily found by testing the water above and below the proposed project. This should allow any contamination discovered to be stopped and corrected. These actions and additional reclamation once the project is underway, can be monitored by the court and the Nez Perce, to insure compliance and that these promises are fulfilled.

The Nez Perce Nation should share all of their concerns and review the Midas Gold Website to see that the company is putting a good faith effort forward to address their concerns and to work as a team. No one will want to prevent the right of the Nez Perce to access their fishing and hunting grounds and continue the use of their lands. If we should find ourselves at war with a Foreign Nation, all of their freedom to use their lands could be lost without a strong military. Everyone should be interested in our fish and wildlife habitat and our environment. The Nez Perce have the best of intentions in trying to correct the damages done from historical mining operations. They lack the money, equipment and expertise that only a mining company like Midas Gold can provide.