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Comments: Midas Gold states that the project will generate significant net employment to local communities over a 15 year period. What they do not address, and what concerns me, are the socio-economic impacts of this expected growth.

1. The McCall and Donnelly schools are now at capacity and will have significant increases. Instead of relying on taxation to take care of the problem, Midas should appropriate funding for schools to hire new teachers, and expand facilities.
2. Affordable housing is limited and expensive for those who will decide to move here while employed. That should be addressed in the EIS with plans to alleviate that situation.
3. Mine traffic through McCall - semis carrying antimony concentrates and estimated between 11 and 17 per day, will impact the roads and intersections, could lead to toxic spills and water pollution in the North Fork of the Payette and Payette Lake, and will cause dust and noise to the residents of Rio Vista and other housing developments bordering the Deinhard/Boydston bypass. At present there is no written agreement for Midas to fund road improvements, prevent and clean up spills, or account for dust/noise abatement. Not to mention the emotional stress of residents having to breathe diesel fumes and listen to loud engines powering up the inclines. I have lived here off and on since 1976 and seen the booms and busts of projects like these. There will be many other impacts on our small town. Please take the few I've listed into consideration.