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Comments: My comment is in regard to reopening the Stibnite mine near the East fork of the South Fork of the Salmon in central Idaho. The proximity of the proposed Midas Gold project to the crown jewel of our state, The Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area, is alarming. In addition the potential for irreversible harm to the precious watershed of the South Fork of the Salmon can not be measured.

There are many examples of environmental harm caused by mining accidents and the true impact of mining this area can't be imagined without the consideration that unforeseen accidents may occur and leave this precious resource damaged forever. I don't believe the any economic value for a foreign-owned business should be considered above the desire for public land owners to have wild and healthy rivers to nourish this beautiful state. Instead, please support the economics of recreation in the form of fishing, hunting, hiking, and whitewater activity far into the future and for all public land owners.