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Comments: Hello,

I am contacting you today to strongly voice my opposition to the proposed Midas Stibnite mine. Reopening a decades-old open-pit mine in the watershed of one of the most wild rivers in the country, a river that is a critical habitat for endangered species such as the Chinook salmon, is unacceptable. By their own admission, Midas Mining knows that their actions will significantly reduce and degrade this essential habitat for the Chinook salmon, thereby putting enormous strain on an already strained species. The inevitable pollution, habitat destruction, additional development, and even diversion of the river itself that this mine will bring are simply far too disastrous to warrant any sort of justification for the mine. I find it absolutely inexplicable that the US Forest Service, a wonderful part of our society that has enabled and furthered conservation across the country to an unquantifiable degree, could consider irreversibly damaging a truly amazing river - an essential habitat for endangered species that will certainly not be adequately protected - solely to further the profits of a foreign company. We do not need this mine. It will not provide a critical, irreplaceable service to our society. This river, however, is unique. It is critical. It is ours. All of ours. Don't let them take our river and wilderness away. Essentially all Americans will see absolutely no benefit from this mine. It will hurt us, culturally and ecologically. Let them mine elsewhere. They have the luxury of choosing their location; gold exists in other mineable areas, and a contrary claim by a corporation headquartered in a country that is already a leading gold producer and is the second largest by area in the world would be rather hilarious. The river has no such luxury. It can only exist where it is. This decision will affect generations of people and all types of life to come. Please do not take it lightly, and do not forget that allowing this to happen will destroy pristine wilderness and significantly increase the likelihood of the extinction of at least one species. Think of the wellbeing of the nature in your trust and the people who put it there. Don't let them be outweighed by consolidated profits.

Thank you,

Jason