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Comments: The South Salmon and tributaries, have long been considered one of Idaho's treasures. All of our iconic species are represented here: our wildest and strongest fish - all of them - use these waters and die in the streams to return their nutrients to the larger system. Wolves, bears, lions, sheep and goats are all interconnected here - they are deeply connected to the fish as well. As are the diverse range of plants and trees.

The South Salmon region has suffered enough historic abuse by other industrious, well-meaning, proponents of economic expansion. Economic prospects should - ESPECIALLY IN THIS REGION OF OUR GREAT STATE - always come second in priority to the protection of the larger ecosystem.

The health of the forest and canyons of the SF, is only now finally resembling something that could be considered recovery from the last round of zealous harvest and economic expansion in the area - logging that decimated the fish and in doing so decimated the entire landscape.

Let's do this right. I have met some "experts" pushing for the Midas project by using weak facts and by overlooking the absolute pristine nature of this drastic and diverse region. I was not impressed in the least. I feel the attitude reflected by one particular out-of-stater-moved-to-Boise, who is doing very well financially as a Midas employee, did nothing to show me a viable concern for the environment. Instead his attitude reflects desecration to my own sacred back yard without showing proper respects.

They are looking for Idahoans to work for them, not to provide economic boost for Idahoans. Rather they want to hire locals so that locals will make the case to other Idahoans to make this all seem ok. Proper respect is not being given to the lands here. All the respect is going to bank accounts in Canada! Not even an American company!

We don't use gold for anything! It is essentially a collector's item. The South Fork is imminently and infinitely more important, as a unique resource to Idaho, than dust in the dirt.

This reeks of unfettered short-sighted capitalism at the cost of Idaho's most precious and valuable resources.

Develop the SF region into a recreational paradise, and the dollars will pour in. Turn it into another gold mine and after this boom comes and goes, the SF region will remain an economic desert. A few rich white guys will walk away with their coffers full, and some may even show regret a generation later.

I am 4th generation Idahoan, and I strongly oppose the Midas project here. Remember when Frank Church built Dworshak Dam?? - He deeply regretted it for the rest of his life, yet to this day, even through all his other efforts to nourish our wild lands, zero wild Salmon and Steelhead remain in the NF Clearwater.

Please let's not continue to look out for the wealthy over our wild lands. No Midas in Idaho!!