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Comments: Hello, I believe the South Fork is one of the most beautiful, and could be one of the best fish producing streams in the State. If it were not for the more well-known Middle Fork of the Salmon, the South Fork would likely be considered a Famous National Treasure, with its crystal clear water, and remote rugged surrounding terrain.

If it were possible for Midas (or some other mining firm), to legitimately clean up the Stibnite area after the mining operations were completed, and return it to something approaching its original state, the project might be worth considering. However, the DEIS shows that the opposite is true. When the project is complete, it will PERMANENTLY:

-wreck multiple miles of river for fish habitat;

-leave polluted sewage water products on area land;

-leave a highly toxic pond behind for decades - in earthquake country - as the recent Stanley -Yellowpine Earthquake demonstrated,

-one breach of that toxic pond - at any point in the future - could devastate the Salmon, Snake and Columbia river systems, and kill off entire species their already endangered fish.

Please do not allow this project. It cannot be done safely and responsibly, so it should not be done at all.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.