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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I am writing you regarding the proposed Stibnite Mine Project. This gold mining project must not be allowed to come to fruition. The South Fork Salmon River drainage is unlike any other. The land is incredibly beautiful and wild. The river has already experienced the harshly negative impacts from mining. I fear that another, larger mine operation by Midas Gold, will have a unrecoverable negative impact on the land and wildlife. Midas Gold is NOT an environmental advocate. They are a mining company with profit and monetary gain being their responsibility to their investors. What will happen in twenty years after they rape the land and leave? I believe we, as Idahoans, will be left with the clean up. The impact on bull trout and salmon spawning beds will be unlike any that we have seen. These are just two species that would be directly effected by this mining proposal.

I am a river enthusiast, and have had the opportunity to float the East Fork and the South Fork Canyon to the Main Salmon many times. The beauty of the water clarity, the abundance of wildlife, the challenge of the whitewater, and the seclusion that one can find is truly unmatched. I dream of the day when I can share these experiences with my children. To show them the pit houses of the Sheep Eater People, to watch the otters teaching their young to fish, to share with them this incredible place that we, as Idahoans, have in our state.

If we don't owe this to future generations, we certainly owe it to the Nez Perce people. Are we going to continue to break promises and treaties? This land should be protected for all to experience and enjoy. Now is the time to make a difference. Please show us that the value in this land is not in the minerals that can make a FEW humans rich in money, but everyone who experiences this country will be rich in knowledge that it is protected for future generations.