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Comments: I am appalled to learn that Midas Gold, a foreign company with foreign investors, has proposed a mining project on the south fork of the Salmon River, in the valuable and pristine Idaho wilderness. As noted in its Environmental Impact Statement, this project would damage the river's water quality and have an adverse impact on the river's endangered fish species and their habitat. Associated pollution and increased infrastructure would tragically damage the beauty of the area, which is a source of much needed sustainable and renewable tourism revenue.

It is of paramount importance that this precious wilderness area be preserved. If this old mine site is reopened and the area developed, the wilderness would be lost and would be unrecoverable. The cost of such a loss is far too great.