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Comments: I object to Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project EIS #50516 and urge the US Forest Service and elected officials to deny permission for it to go forward. The project would disturb or destroy critical wildlife habitat, close off access to more than 13,000 acres of public land for many years, and endanger pristine lands along the boundary of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. The negative impacts of the project would extend to local communities in Adams and Valley counties, burdening public school systems, traffic systems and other infrastructure. It would increase competition for affordable housing for the life of the project. And, as the Payette National Forest's draft study points out, the project would not contribute to lasting employment and could result in economic stagnation, as the bulk of jobs would disappear when the project ends.