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Comments: I am strongly against the Midas Gold Mine due to habitat and environmental degradation . It is imperative that we look at clean water AS gold and we do everything possible to protect it.The South Fork of the Salmon is pristine clean water and must be protected at all costs. Idaho jobs in the long run are more plentiful in the outdoor recreation sector and we should not support short-term mining jobs that end up leaving ecological messes. This project should not be allowed to protect the ecology of the South Fork , Main Salmon, and Columbia River system .

Thank you for protecting our clean environment and please extend the comment period.

Keeping Idaho Clean and Pristine IS gold!

Sincerely,

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