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Comments: I am deeply concerned about the negative ramifications of Midas Gold's proposed Stibnite Gold Project in the headwaters of the Salmon River system. This project threatens a truly spectacular river corridor. Midas gold has greenwashed their proposal to seem eco-savvy, but any purported neutral or positive effects of this mine are a sham. Inevitably, this project will negatively impact the South Fork Salmon river and surrounding ecosystem.

As it stands, the South Fork Salmon is a pristine gem. The ecology, scenery, and whitewater is second to none. The proposed Gold Mine would threaten this precious resource and do irreparable damage. If protected, the South Fork will continue to draw whitewater kayakers, anglers, hunters, backcountry travelers, and wilderness enthusiasts from all over the world. This adventure tourism should be considered as a sustainable alternative to the economic engine of the mine.

2020 has already been too unkind to the world - please do not deliver another injustice by letting this project pass. Our wild spaces are worth more than their weight in gold.