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Comments: To the USFS,

I am writing to oppose the Midas Gold Project in the South Fork Salmon drainage. The South Fork Salmon is a unique and pristine watershed. Its biological diversity, geological uniqueness, and dramatic ruggedness make it one of the best rivers in the world. The tourism dollars brought in by the paddling, fishing, skiing, hiking, hunting, camping, and snowmobiling communities add much more than the initial boom promised by Midas Gold.

This river is a critical habitat for wild salmon and the spiritual homeland for many indigenous communities. The risk of losing this special place is far too great to allow Midas Gold to go forward with their project. I recently moved from the Cascade region and think of the South Salmon as my favorite place to visit and recreate in the Country. The thought of losing this place, makes me deeply sad and disheartened--it is a priority for me to protect this place. Please oppose the Midas Gold project and protect this national treasure for years to come.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Lee Timmons