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Comments: I believe development of the Midas project cannot be authorized without impacting Johnson Creek, the East Fork of the South Fork Salmon and the Salmon River itself. The endangered salmon and steelhead that use these rivers are more precious than gold. The extensive damage already brought to these resources by inappropriate mining and logging and road building activities in the Idaho Batholith will only be made worse over time by opening up more access and operations of the project. This area is geologically unique in its capacity for land disturbance to trigger erosion, landslides and mass failure. It is the role of the USFS to protect this area from further impacts.