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Comments: Dear Friends at USFS,

I was born and raised in McCall and I've watched the area change greatly in my 44 years. In that time the economy has changed from one dominated by extraction (timber) to the powerhouse of outdoor recreation (service). Developers have made or greatly expanded their fortunes during times of growth and as often as not, lost their shirts on the downturn. The isolation, never mind the winters, have historically made Valley County a hard place to work the margins, but there's always bankruptcy courts, there's always flee under the cover of darkness. But the Midas proposal is different. The chemicals they'll be using, they might as well have a half-life of forever. They won't go away, tucked behind a giant dam, not forever they won't. They'll be up there waiting for an earthquake or a big rain or who knows what. And Midas won't be around to watch over the mess they've made. So who will? Our children and grandchildren and their children and grandchildren. I agree with Midas in that the proposal area isn't "a pristine wilderness", but let's not forget why that's the case. Let's not forget what's downstream or what happens when their dam fails, because all dams fail, eventually. Every single one. Thank you for your service and your time.

Yours,

Brian Hart