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Comments: I am writing in opposition to the proposed project to extract gold from the headwaters of the South Fork of the Salmon river in Idaho. For so many reasons this is a flawed proposal. A project of this kind poses all kinds of detrimental effects. Polluting the river adversely affecting bull trout, Chinook salmon, steelhead, and their critical habitats; and may indirectly impact Westslope cutthroat trout. Water quality issues are a primary concern as a result of using hazardous materials, and forgive me if I laugh at their mitigation efforts to manage the tailings and that pond that will collect mining waste, all leaching into the ground water that feeds the river. The project will also negatively impact the habitat of local fauna, such as wolverines and wolves in addition to migratory birds. As an individual who has annually made a trip to experience the pristine clean waters of the SF Salmon over the last decade, I am adamant that this project is not only dangerous to the local landscape, but also a totally inappropriate proposal that lacks merit. Please, please, please, I implore you for the love of God's country to oppose this plan and Midas.