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Comments: Midas Gold's proposed project would destroy over 20% of critical habitat for Chinook and Bull Trout in the project area. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), released on August 13, 2020, demonstrates that even with their proposed restoration work, the project will result in a net loss of habitat for Endangered Species Act listed Chinook Salmon and Bull Trout. Over 100 million tons of contaminated mining tailings would fill Meadow Creek valley behind a 450ft dam, destroying pristine Chinook and Bull Trout habitat. Many modern mining projects have accidental spills due from tailing dam failures or operational issues, placing everything downstream at risk.

75% of the project disturbance would occur on public land. This is a Canadian company that will destroy US citizen's public lands.

Please do not allow this potentially devastating project to go forward.