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Comments: I'm writing in opposition of the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold.

As an Idahoan who has lived, recreated, explored, and been sustained by the land and it's gifts I believe the project is not in the best interest of Idaho, its land, animals and people. Your agency the USFS has previously identified the South Salmon as critical Chinook habitat. In the DEIS the the USFS admits that all proposed "operational" alternatives presented by Midas Gold will significantly reduce and degrade Chinook habitat. These anadromous fish as so many studies have shown are so vital to a healthy ecosystem that a threat to them is more than just focused on the Chinook species but to all plants and animals that benefit from the nutrients that they bring back from the sea.

I understand that Midas Gold has put out an operating plan to address these issues, but so much evidence beyond the scope of this letter, also show that these plans are inadequate. I'm sure that you have seen much evidence from both sides but I urge you to at least allow more time for a more rigorous and fair environmental review for the sake of one of the great, last, pristine river ecosystems left.

Thank you for your consideration.