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Comments: I am a whitewater paddler that travels multiple times to the South Fork Salmon for recreation and to spend time with friends that gather here. As such, I have made friends with the local businesses and am always excited to support them as tourism is a huge contributor to the region. Every year we make the long trek out to boat and enjoy this pristine and wild region.

My concerns are for the disruption in this ecosystem and the lack of clarity, supporting plans and the divisiveness put forth by Midas Gold.
1. Water quality- The chemical reactions created to mine have the potential to release and adversely effect wildlife and water for up to 100 years to come. Antimony alone is detrimental to the wildlife and fish and how are they proposing to handle the mining when the only plants able to handle the volume are in Asia? How do they plan on "improving" the already not the best water quality from past mining projects? The proposed plans for bringing in electricity, oils and fuels, roads...why are the specifics not discussed? When talking about proposed fish tunnels, how will removing and adding benefit the fish species when they are talking about the detriment the warming of the rivers will be and the possibility of fuel leaks into the rivers? There seems to be no inclusion for the Nez Perce tribes and upholding land given to them. How is the mining not going to effect the wildlife population? When Midas says a sewage treatment facility will be installed, what are the specifics? What precautions are they taking to protect the environment? Again, no specifics. The noise brought into the area will highly disrupt the animal and fish population. What precautions are being taken for earthquake safety? All in all, this proposed plan lacks very technical details to minimize impact on the region.