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I am writing to voice my concern for the proposed mining proposal with Midas for the reopening of the historic Stibnite mine. I do not support this proposal and want to make clear the project should not be allowed.
The location of the Stibnite Mine for reopening is in a critical watershed for central Idaho. The steams in the mining area feed directly to the South Fork of the Salmon which connects to the greater Salmon River drainage. The potential damage to the watershed is too great to properly justify this project. I'm particularly concerned about potential damage to the fish habitat, including water quality, rerouting of streams in the mine area, and potential risk to waterways along the roads leading to the mine area. High traffic for the mining operation, including the transport of fuels and chemicals for the mining operation would have a high risk of pollution due to accidental spillage.
In addition to the potential damage of waterways, the area of travel for access will experience negative impact due to high heavy truck traffic and the mining process itself.
The mining project would be short term at best and not provide adequate employment to the area for sustained economic value. This is a short term damaging proposal to a high value area in our state. My family and I have much greater appreciation for areas without mining operations, heavy truck traffic, and damaging practices to area water ways.
Please do not support the Stibnite Mine Project.