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Comments: I am writing to oppose the Midas Gold Stibnite mine at the headwaters of the South Fork of the Salmon River. Responsible use of our natural resources must prioritize protecting the environment and must consider the value of the affected natural resource to the ecosystem, to wildlife, to clean water and to clean earth. Open pit Gold mines are messy business. They serve to enrich a few investors at the expense of our planet. The Stibnite mine risks a treasured and valuable natural resource. As our climate changes and our environment degrades, the value of our Natural resources - not in terms of extraction, but in terms of preservation - is more and more apparent. The impact of the mine, mining operations, and mining waste in the form of Dangerous, and Unstable tailings is too great and the risk too much. As a country, we can survive with fewer gold mines. We will thrive with healthier ecosystems. Gold is the classic pirate's treasure. But the South Fork of the Salmon and the opportunities it provides for fish, wildlife and Outdoor recreation is a national treasure for us all. Thank you for your consideration.