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Comments: Our family owns a home in Thunder Mountain Estates, which is directly off of Warm Lake Road near Cascade. Two years ago we were made aware of an easement to Idaho Power and advised that because of increased need for power at the Midas Gold Mining site, power lines would be increased to nearly 4 times what they are carrying now. Not to mention the poles would be changed out to a larger size to accommodate the work load of the powering generated. We immediately contacted Idaho Power and Midas Gold who both sent representatives out to our property to personally meet with my mother and discuss the ramifications of this upgrade to the lines. The representatives all agreed the lines would be a detriment to the property, destroying the physical beauty of our land, as well as posing a potential health risk. History has shown in California and Idaho, that power lines through such residential areas can have catastrophic consequence, should they go down within populated areas. Midas Gold has proposed moving the lines to an area out of our subdivision, referred to as Alternative 2 of DEIS. Please, allow them to move the lines out of the subdivision. I can't imagine living with these lines increased by 4X directly next to our home!

We feel that the forest service needs to completely investigate whether the project will positively impact the environment and economy in the years to come. Based on that evidence, determine if in fact the mine will contribute for the betterment of our community and the beautiful mountains we share. Not just for today, but for the future of this area, years from now. If the project does go through, please please grant Midas Gold the ability to move the power lines away from our subdivision. I ask one question

Would You want these huge lines running directly, adjacent to your family, home?

Please visit our subdivision personally, to see the impact these power would project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.