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Comments: I am writing to you today to discourage you from allowing the Midas Gold CO. to begin mining operations at the Stibnite Mine. I believe you will hear from many others regarding the hazard and damage to our environment from this mining operation. You know this operation will leave a permanent scar on the Idaho landscape. The scar will not only be on the land but in our relations to the Native Peoples, the plant and animal communities and our responsibility to care for the Earth. Some metals may be extracted and sold on the market in the short term. In the long term we are left with a toxic stockpile that can potentially leak and ruin an entire watershed. I ask you to please consider the big picture when you make your decisions.

How much would you pay for a wilderness?

How much would you pay for a clean flowing stream?

How much would you pay for a healthy and respectful relationship with our Indigenous neighbors?

How much would you pay for a forest teeming with diverse animal and plant communities?

How much would you pay to repair the broken treaties and promises made with the Indigenous Peoples?

Please do not continue our history of greed and short term profits while sacrificing our precious natural environment and the rights of the Native Peoples. consider the Big Picture.

Thank you for reading and considering these things.