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While Midas Gold has a robust public relations campaign based on "Restoring the Site", the DEIS has shown the project will have the following negative effects:

- ? Permanently destroy or impair habitat for Chinook salmon, steelhead, and bull trout;
- ? Elevate water temperature by 7 degrees F in the vicinity of the project area;
- ? Contaminate surface water and groundwater with arsenic, antimony, and mercury;
- ? Permanently leave three waste rock dumps and two toxic pit lakes on the landscape;
- ? Generate 446 million tons of potential acid generating and/or metal leaching materials, including waste rock and tailings;
- ? Create a 400-foot-high dam impounding 100 million tons of toxic tailings;
- ? Destroy 800-1,000 Whitebark pine trees which were recently petitioned for listing as threatened under the Endangered Species Act;
- ? Reduce access to public lands, decreasing opportunities for hunting, fishing, and recreation, and exclude over 13 thousand acres from traditional uses by Native American Tribes;
- ? Convert local roads and highways into industrial corridors for nearly 5,000 truckloads of diesel fuel, sulfuric acid, sodium cyanide, and other hazardous materials every year;
- ? Require costly water treatment in perpetuity;
- ? Create a risk of airborne contaminants into the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness and nearby Wild and Scenic Middle Fork Salmon River.