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Dear Payette Forest Supervisor Keith Lannom and staff,

I'm an Idaho resident, an outdoor enthusiast, and an appreciator of Northwest Salmon.

I'm writing to ask you to protect the Salmon River from mining. If it is not done carefully enough, gold mining can have permanent damaging effects on water, fish, and other living things. Mining companies are motivated by profits; it's up to us to limit their activities and make sure they protect our valuable natural resources. I'm especially concerned about the effects of pollution on the South Fork headwaters and on spawning habitat. Please require the mining company to scale back their proposed plan and commit to backfilling all the pits they create.

Thank you for listening, and for the work you do on behalf of the forest.

Sincerely,  
Rajal Cohen

Dr. Rajal Cohen

