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Comments: First off, let me say I am a mining official retired in Idaho and Vice President of Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Assn; but my comments are mine only. The Forest Service and State of Idaho need to do more to educate the public on water use, agricultural use and mining that affect every Idahoan from the table to the grocery store. There is no concept of how the mining industry plays in and I would like to see PSAs on this thru National and International Mining Institutions.

You have an issue brewing but you must educate or find those who can educate and speak. I believe there is room to advance new mining ventures which bring huge jobs and economies to the state while balancing the negative agendas to stop the very industry that supports their families and businesses, infrastructure, security ,etc.

I'm pleased to support the mining industry and the preservation of rivers as every vehicle destined to a weekend mountain retreat presents a threat to an accident that pollutes the rivers and should be discussed. Not to mention gas tanker trucks travelling the roads next to rivers and the threat the recreation demand incurs. It's much greater than any mining operation.

Let's get public awareness out front[hellip]offense, not defense.