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Comments: Hello. My name is Katie Dandrea I have been a raft guide and avid whitewater kayaker along Idaho's river systems for years. I am worried about the environmental and communal impact that this mining project will have on the South Fork of the Salmon. I do not agree with the policy as it will be very disruptive to the ecosystem and the natural and unique lifecycle of the wildlife in the area. This river holds a very special place in my heart, not just for it's natural purposes, but for recreation purposes. This river is a hub for whitewater folks and this is my community; this is my chosen family. This is a hub for recreation and it deserves to remain preserved for generations to come, as I hope to take my kids paddling down this section of the river. Please help make this dream that I have for my kids and the future generations within the whitewater community a reality. I believe that this river is so much more valuable than the profit that would be made from the project, and I believe that the voices of the folks who recreate on the river should speak loudly, as we are also speaking for the environment and the wildlife that calls the SF it's home. This river is the beating heart of the whitewater community. I feel very strongly about this project not going through. Please consider termination of this mining project for the environment and the people who recreate on the river. This is home. Please do not take away my community's oasis of recreation, it's beating heart, it's home. Thank you.

ATTACHMENT: Photographs of whitewater boaters