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Comments: Re: Breccia Beta Exploration Drilling Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District, Salmon-Challis National Forest
Bobbi Filbert, Salmon-Cobalt District Ranger
To Whom It May Concern:
My concerns with this and other similar mineral explorations share certain characteristics:
Drilling and access operations should not be allowed within RHCAs.
Building "temporary" roads over a period of five years means they are not really all that temporary.
Even though they are supposed to eventually be reclaimed, they still fragment habitat, disturb soils and vegetation, and allow more access by people other than the explorers.
There are so many exploratory drilling operations taking place on the Salmon-Challis now that, as a group, they really require more extensive NEPA analysis, together with an analysis of cumulative effects, because they are all leading up to actual mining.
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