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Comments: I have lived in Boise since I was five years old. All that time, our communities have depended upon clean mountain runoff for water. This mine is planned to be quite close to and up hill from fresh surface water that inevitably will make it into people's homes. There is a startling lack of research to give me any confidence that our waters, waters that Idahoans drink, irrigate with, and recreate in will not be contaminated by a pit mine in this location. There is, however, a history of pit lakes acidifying surrounding surface and ground waters, leaching heavy metals, and causing a litany of wildlife and community disturbances. I am quite concerned about the potential for water contamination and the aggravation of drought stresses that already impact the agricultural communities of Idaho. I have linked some resources and examples of the stresses that pit mines can inflict on both human and wildlife communities. I do not believe this mine is in the best interest of Idaho communities.