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Comments: Reduce the overall size of disturbance and increase the amount of watershed restoration. If the environmental impact

statement shows a risk of contamination to water quality and the South Fork Salmon River drainage, the project

should not proceed. Environmental risks can be greatly reduced if the mining company scales back its mining effort

and commits to backfilling its pits instead of turning them into pit lakes. Examine alternative ways of storing tailings

and waste rock so that spawning habitat is protected. The project should be designed in such a way that mining will

not create permanent sources of pollution needing treatment in perpetuity. If there is a risk of contaminating the

South Fork headwaters, the project should not proceed.

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