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Comments: The proposed open pit gold mining operation near Yellow Pine/Stibnite cannot be accomplished without the contamination of surrounding water and ground. The area has already been declared a Superfund Site from previous mining projects and the federal government's oversight and management of such projects is seriously lacking. While the project promises to bring revenue into the state of Idaho, that benefit will be grossly overshadowed by the lasting devastation to the waters of the Salmon River and its fish. For once, can't environmental protection mean more than making money? Salmon already face so many daunting challenges, must we really throw out another that brings them closer to extinction? Please don't allow this project.