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Comments: I urge you to oppose gold mining operations in the upper East Fork South Fork Salmon River drainage 3 miles from the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The consequences of gold mining are always negative to the natural resources where the mine is located and this particular project area is in pristine habitat for bull trout and salmonid species and should be protected. The risks are too high, accidents almost always happen, habitat and water quality are always degraded and will never return to pristine after mining no matter how much remediation or reclamation is done. I oppose gold mining in this are and you have a responsibility to protect this important fishery. Stop this project before it even is started, this is the only way to fully protect the resource, once mining takes place it will never be the same. We have a lot to lose if mining goes forward. Protect our Idaho legacy and its fishery.