Data Submitted (UTC 11): 7/10/2017 6:00:00 AM

First name: Merritt Last name: Burton Organization:

Title:

Comments: I write to express my concern and objection to this mining project.

Idaho's great wilderness is what brings people to this State. I've seen several areas where my friends and I used to hunt, camp, fish and hike closed down for mining. The number on place that comes to mind is Crystal Mountain by Burgdorf. Every time it's opened to mining a little more of the beauty and power of that place is diminished.

If we allow this mine at the headwaters of the river, we risk polluting the river, not just with waste water but with the stirred up sediment that is harmful to fish and not aesthetically pleasing. It risks destroying an area where my parents took me, and where I have taken my own kids, to enjoy Idaho's wilderness. Generations of my family and other's visit this spot every year.

And it's what draws crowds to the rivers every season, bringing in millions in tourism dollars.

Our wild areas are under assault, and we risk losing more and more for every exception we make; give an inch and they'll take a mile.

Please fight this mine on behalf of the residents of Idaho. Thank you.