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Comments: I wish to add my comments to allowing this project to proceed. I find in hard to not want these miners to clean up the legacy mess on their on nickel. I assume that someone earlier made a terrible environmental and clean water contamination mess. I ask you can anyone take a drink out this water now? If it is so bad, was it fenced off to keep people and wildlife out from drinking it? I doubt that. Would you eat an elk that regularly drank this water? If no then why are you not begging these people to clean up this mess that was allowed to happen and to remain a hazard to the environment for decades. Who has allowed this to remain a hazardous site? Who is placing roadblocks into getting it cleaned up? If the water will not support trout, and they say they will clean it up good enough for trout, why are they being stopped from cleaning up Idaho waters? Do the people down stream know that the government--state and federal are at fault in allowing this to contaminate waters of the US? In my earlier life I worked on some clean up projects that contaminated the Snake River Aquifer. When the hazards or point sources are removed and cleaned, the contamination was removed. When you have done that, you have done the job right. You have not done it right when you have not worked with willing stakeholders to clean it up. Please allow these miners to clean up the mess and to claim the right to mine the metals and then to make great jobs for hundreds of people for years.