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Comments: I want to start off saying I'm not anti mining. I'm not for all the foreign and domestic mining companies making all the promises to come in and fix all the destruction the last mining operation has left behind after they came in and took the gold, silver and minerals they were after then leave and file bankruptcy so we have no way to repair the destruction. Only to repeat the process themselves! Then like the letter says the federal government attempts to fix it but fails us. If our monstrous federal government cant fix the mess why should I believe a little mining company can! This company is made out in the letter to sound like a walk on water operation so in order to receive the proper permits they need to set up a 1 billion dollar restoration fund. Which should be no problem for them because they guarantee they wont leave the destruction that's been left in the past. If they wont set up a fund then it's a sure thing they will leave us with the same thing that was left in the past.

I'm sure my one letter wont make a difference but I assure you all my neighbors here in the Payette Forest that wont take the time to write a letter feel the same way I do. Which is why the government and mining companies get away with this time and time again. People don't get involved because we cant stop it or guarantee there wont be the same destruction as before. Everybody references the Forest Service and govt. not buying all this land scattered throughout the Payette Forest and instead being sold to the billionaires from Texas who now stop us from even setting foot on this land and changing our local laws with their payoffs to politicians.

I hope this will reach whoever is making the decisions and make a difference when signing the mining permits to this company so we don't end up with the same destruction we always end up with when they file and leave.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope it put a little weight on the scale so those of us that live here don't have to live with the destruction that keeps repeating itself.