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Comments: The South Fork of the Salmon River must be protected. The habitat, recreation, and community it provides for Idaho is highly valued. The consequences of allowing mining pollution to be released into the headwaters, is therefore impacting the entire river system, exposing fish, wildlife and humans to the toxins of mining. As a wild land firefighter on the Salmon River, the effects go even further beyond just the river. Fire engines and helicopters use the Salmon River to extinguish wild fires, and if the contaminated water is then spread to fragile forest systems, then even more harm is caused. The entire trickle down effect that mining will cause may be irreversible and effects the whole chain of the environment. Idaho wants to be known for its protection such as "Idaho is too great to litter" slogans. Protecting the river is the same, we absolutely should not allow the Midas gold mining. STOP the South Fork from mining.