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Comments: THE SALMON RIVER IS ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE. NO OTHER WESTERN RIVER OF SUCH MAGNITUDE IS SO CLOSELY INTACT. WHILE THE NATURAL SEASONAL FLOWS OF MOST OTHER RIVERS HAVE BEEN ERASED, THE SALMON AND ITS TRIBUTARIES REMAIN WILD AND FREE. IT IS BOTH ONE-OF-A-KIND AND THE LAST OF ITS KIND. I'VE SEEN PEOPLES LIVES CHANGE THROUGH RIVER TRIPS AND THE EXPERIENCES IT PROVIDES, MINE INCLUDED. IT IS LOVED BY MANY: RAFTERS, FISHERMEN, HUNTERS, LAND CONSERVATION EMPLOYEES, AND MORE. WHILE IT ATTRACTS ALL WALKS OF LIFE, THE LOVE FOR THIS RIVER SYSTEM REMAINS THE COMMON GROUND FOR ALL. BUT THIS AREA SERVES A PURPOSE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN RECREATION, IT SUPPLIES HABITAT FOR ENDANGERED SALMON AND TROUT. THESE ALREADY THREATENED SPECIES OF FISH NEED THE CLEAN WATER OF THE SALMON TO THRIVE. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF RE-OPENING PIT MINING WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC AND IRREVERSIBLE. NO PRECIOUS METALS ARE WORTH FURTHER HARMING THIS UNIQUE AND FRAGILE ECOSYSTEM. WE DON'T HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO PROTECT SOMETHING THIS AMAZING NOWADAYS. WE MUST JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO SAVE ONE OF AMERICAS LAST TRUE RIVER SYSTEMS. I'M PROUD TO HAVE SPENT SO MUCH TIME ON THE SALMON RIVER SYSTEM, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE NIGHTS SPENT IN THE CANYONS. PLEASE PROTECT THIS PLACE. WE'VE ALREADY DONE ENOUGH DAMAGE TO OUR RIVERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, LEAVING ONE WATERSHED PROTECTED SHOULDN'T BE THAT MUCH TO ASK. THANK YOU.