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Comments: I am writing in opposition to the development of open pit mines at the headwaters of the Salmon river. This develop would not benefit US businesses, and as we have seen with countless other mine projects would likely end in a bankruptcy declaration so that the corporation can avoid cleaning up the mess they make. There is a high high likelihood (especially with the extreme weather/storms that occur in this area and the difficulty getting help to wilderness areas) that there will be contamination of the Salmon river with the release of cyanide, arsenic, mercury, and other heavy metals. In addition to serving as a beautiful and popular recreational boating, rafting, and kayaking area, this mine will risk the habitat of federally protected and endangered Chinook salmon, steelhead, and bull trout which need clean, clear, and cold water to thrive. In addition, as the Nez Perce's land, the US government should be protection this land that they have treaty with the Nez Perce over.