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Comments: An open pit gold mine along the north fork of the Salmon River is an unacceptable compatible use to the tens of thousands if not hundreds of thousands of boaters and swimmers who use the river every year. Gold mines pollute and displace waterways. This river creates 100x more jobs by providing recreational opportunities, which will continue to grow, than the handful of short term jobs the mine may create while also destroying the area and making any future job creation in the area obsolete. We need to favor the sustainable and abundant job growth created by conserving the watershed from industrial development so the recreational opportunities and jobs can flourish for hundreds of years to come.