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Comments: Hello!

I am writing in regards to the proposed open-put mine on the South Fork of the Salmon River. I grew up rafting, fishing, and kayaking on the Salmon River. Many of my best childhood memories and my love of Idaho is deeply intertwined on this river. Idaho is special in many ways but one of the qualities that I am most proud of is that we have protected areas and wild beautiful rivers. We would be doing future Idahoans a disservice to not stand up and protect one of the primary things that makes our state so unique. The mine would also endanger wildlife such as the federally protected Chinook Salmon, Steelhead, and Bull Trout. Additionally, it would disregard an agreement between the Nez Pierce and the American government. The American government has been cruel and dishonest to American Natives in the past and this would show and even greater blatant disrespect for them. Now is the time to change the pattern of history and respect American Native people, their land, as well as the beautiful wilderness that we are so lucky to have access to as Idahoans.

Thank you.