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Comments: The Salmon River is unique & irreplaceable & needs to be left unaltered.

We cannot recreate what nature has given us & its high time we value these amazing river basins & the habitats they support. I have been fortunate to have rafted down several sections of the Salmon & it changed me & my connection to it & I strongly feel that my children's children should have the same opportunity to raft down in the decades to come & to be able to gaze up & also be in awe of this unique natural resource that speaks to you one in ways that one cannot describe & which if left alone & people can observe the natural beauty of this river drainage leaving in an untouched state it can & does transform people in ways like no other.

Here we are in 2020 & it still remains in its natural state, while many other river system have sadly not eluded the destructive forces that man wields as he has raped the landscape for minerals & or hydro dams. It is high time, we start to respect this unique planet, over the past 20 years we have learned to get power through alternative means that are readily available, like solar which I have been introduced to & am amazed at how efficient & reliable it is & provides free power at a minimal investment. As for mineral extraction, we must keep these disturbed areas contained to where they now exist & look for alternatives to supply what it is we need, or question do we really need it.

In some ways one could say this is not an unaltered landscape & that is true, many people raft & kayak down it fishing along the way, others hunt, while some just walk & enjoy the beauty camping along its river banks, it is a loved & admired ecosystem that is shared by many, but this clean & pristine river is the vital thread that supports & the endangered salmon & trout that swim in its cold water & this clean water needs to continue to be protected in perpetuity, to allow the natural balance to continue thrive forever.

The environmental detriment of re-opening pit mining will be a irreversible & death blow to this river ecosystem & no minerals are worth damaging this unique & fragile habitat.