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Comments: I am an avid outdoorsman. I love the wilderness and the animals found within. I have paid for hunting rights for many years even when I don't plan on taking any game that year. I absolutely believe the wilderness and public lands should remain as natural as possible and be preserved.

However, I realize Idaho doesn't run on good feelings alone. We cannot afford to just sit on resources and hope other places will trickle down their economy. We cannot afford to just sit by and pretend that doing nothing will work as a long term solution.

I believe this project should go through. They have a plan in place to put the land before the project. I think if you hold them to that and ensure it gets done, everyone can win here. I want this land cleaned up from earlier projects that lacked follow-up or oversight.

Many places have been ruined by rampant consumerism and this land has already been through it. I think this time it should be used as an opportunity to better understand how resource extraction and public lands can interface better. Don't let them clear the land, steal all the wealth, and then half ass the regrowth.

Let them start with restoring the salmon spawning ground. Let them mine in a sustainable way, and let them continue to restore the environment as the mine operates. Let us all learn how to do this together in a sustainable way. Environmentalists and Resource extraction are not two polar opposites. If we have a constant channel of communication and transparency during the operation that we can verify and correct as necessary, this will be a very productive operation for both environmental health, and resource utilization.