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Comments: My name is Hunter Kear. I am a rafting and fishing guide on the Main Salmon River. Since I was a child, I have been enjoying the Salmon River in many different capacities. Whether it is fishing, rafting, hiking, or kayaking. Any potential mine on this river could be detrimental to the wildlife of the area, specifically the fish population. The salmon and steelhead species already face huge obstacles upon their return to their spawning grounds due to down stream rivers. Any potential accident or failure of waste management or pollution of the mine could spell catastrophic consequences for these species and every other fish species down stream. This section of river is too delicate of a balance to risk putting these species in danger. Furthermore the money and jobs lost from tourism for the state of Idaho would be a huge loss. I think we should be promoting and protecting our wild places and not putting them at risk. Idaho is home to some of the most unique species and habitats in the country. Putting that at risk wouldn't only be wrong, but irresponsible.