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Comments: Hi my name is Dave Fusilli. I have been a professional kayaker for over a decade. I learned to kayak around the age of 7 in western PA where coal mining was very prevalent. Here the damage to the rivers and streams is still as apparent as a broken window in your BMW. We cannot continue destroying our rivers. Rivers have been a huge part of my life since I can remember. Our natural world is a very delicate system and this project will damage it forever. It is a system just as your mining equipment runs and operates. If you take away the fuel the machine will not work. If there is no air or fuel or spark the whole system goes down. Also, our health as a species is very important and in trouble. The more chemicals and pollutants you put into your fuel the worse the system operates.

What is the mitigation plan for trucking cyanide in along South Fork Salmon, Burntlog Creek, and Johnson? The current DEIS lacks this significant information, which is significant and necessary for review and consideration.

Negative environmental impact and related economic and social impacts

- The DEIS clearly states that all of the alternatives presented, apart from Alternative 5, would adversely affect federally listed endangered fish species, their habitat, and the watershed's water quality and quantity.
- This further negatively impacts economic vitality related to tourism and recreation of surrounding communities and those in Idaho who depend upon the integrated watershed of Salmon River systems and the hundreds of thousands of visitors each year to our National Forests. This number and economic benefits are growing immensely annually, with a recorded record number of visitors and related economic benefits in summer 2020.