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Comments: I sincerely hope that this project is blocked from going forward because the negative repercussions that would result are many. As an Avian Ecologist I am very concerned for the impacts to birds that this project would cause. Increased noise, habitat destruction, and road creation will certainly contribute to direct mortality as well as nest failure, changes in species compositions, and others. The region is habitat for many species of owls, songbirds, and raptors, all of which are protected under the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Treaty Act. To knowingly endanger birds when we know that most are facing steep declines is irresponsible. As a fisherwoman I strongly believe that the consequences for native fish are too extensive to ignore. The state and federal dollars that have gone towards protecting bull trout and salmon in this watershed would have been for naught. Conservation is key to maintaining a healthy forest and riparian ecosystem that benefits all. I hope you take this into consideration before allowing this project to happen. Although I no longer live in Idaho, it holds a piece of my heart and It is too wonderful of a place to be destroyed by short sighted projects.