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Comments: When I heard about the threat this mine posed to the SF Salmon watershed and all waterways downstream, I became ever more pessimistic. I realized that yet again human greed is threatening not only our environment but our ways of life. I realize gold and other minerals are often considered mandatory for a variety of uses but when those minerals are gone, what will we have? To say the South Fork of the Salmon is a special place is like saying fire is warm. It's an understatement of drastic proportions. The SF is one of the THE MOST TREASURED places not only in Idaho but in all of the United States. To threaten this place for mineral extraction is short sighted and quite honestly, ludicrous.

I would like to think our public lands enjoy more protections than this. But they don't. I would like to think humans are capable of seeing past the next payday, but they aren't. I would like to think that people would see places like the South Fork for what they are and protect them. But alas, people choose short term wealth over long term sustainable happiness and symbiosis.

I hope like hell the SF Salmon remains the way it is today for the next millennia and beyond. That decision is up to the people. Please think very hard before you issue this permit and allow Midas to ruin this great national treasure. Please think about whether you'd rather have a pristine natural corridor, or a tainted and polluted waterway that won't support life.

Thank you for your time.