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Comments: As a recreationist, tax payer, environmentalist, commercial contractor that often engages in civil construction in national and state forest lands and lastly an American and Native Idahoan I strongly oppose this project for a number of simple reasons.

1. Historically there is little evidence that these types of projects pose NO or rarely minor environmental impacts, therefore we cannot assume they will be able to succeed on this project in not posing an environmental impact.

2. The project is located near the ESFS Salmon River which lies upstream of the Southfork Salmon (a major salmon spawning ground), which lies upstream from the Main Salmon, which lies upstream from Snake/ Columbia, ect.. we are literally considering allowing potential contamination of one of the nations most significant waterways and ecosystems without even understanding the potential impacts.

3. There is little historical evidence suggesting there will not be a environmental clean up required, typically costing the tax payer up to millions of dollars. As a commercial contractor that often engages USDA projects I can personally attest to seeing these types of projects and are familiar with their costs. Yet the most alarming fact is we are willing to do so, such that a Canadian company can make profits at the expense of our land and tax funds.

4. My last comment should go without saying, but even considering tampering with one of our States most precious waterways that provides hundreds of miles of recreation, fishing, essential economies, literally the health of our forests for a precious stone/ mineral to benefit and profit a single wealthy non-American company is just absurd and honestly a disgrace.

The year is 2020 and our Nation, State and the rest of the Globe are facing unprecedented times of environmental and economical peril are we really going to keep adding more fuel to the fire?