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My name is Ben Marr, I am a professional whitewater kayaker and enjoy sending or at least attempting to be on a river practicing my craft over 250 days each year. I have found myself in Idaho enjoying the river systems many times in my life both for the quality of whitewater and to enjoy learning the history these rivers have played in the progression of whitewater kayaking. The South Fork of The Salmon is an incredible stretch of whitewater that can be and is appreciated and experienced by a wide variety of players with a broad spectrum of experience. A true gem on the planet.

I am writing to ask the Forest Service to create a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the relative agencies and public to review and have the opportunity to comment on in order to address all of the missing and incomplete information of the current DEIS.

Here are my main concerns:

Cyanide leach mining is banned in multiple states due to high failures which just hurts to see a company trying to move forward with that technology, whether they think otherwise or not, it shows the environment is not being carefully considered by the company.

Mining, drilling, construction next to rivers requires a lot of effort that often those who want to create money-making ventures that are typically disruptive to the surrounding environment are quick to ignore in the name of pushing forward hard and fast. The effects are felt by the environment, the animals, the locals, and the recreationists before, during, and in the years that follow. As a kayaker, I mitigate risk all the time. It is always best to avoid an accident vs. manage one.

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