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Comments: The mining should not be approved. Leaching with arsenic, destroying habitat, fish, game, and negatively impacting the ecosystem, is not beneficially to the citizenry or natural resources. It will result in a net loss of habitat for Endangered Species Act listed Chinook Salmon and Bull Trout. Over 100 million tons of contaminated mining tailings would fill Meadow Creek valley behind a 450ft dam, destroying pristine Chinook and Bull Trout habitat. Many modern mining projects have accidental spills due from tailing dam failures or operational issues, placing everything downstream at risk. My people, the Nez Perce, occupied this land, remaining respectful of the ecoystem balance needed to maintain harmony and safeguard our natural resources for future generations. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.