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Comments: I spent a lot of time backpacking on the South Fork of the Salmon. I have incredible memories spending time with family in and around one of the few untouched rivers in the lower 48. I return when I can and 2 summers ago I went to the Harmonica festival sponsored by the proposed mine. They gave us a personal tour. The amount of space they want to alter in the headwaters is mind boggling. They are talking about destroying entire valleys. There is no way Idaho should be approving a short sighted project that removes value from Idaho for a private company and leaves a giant scar and unmeasurable environmental damage on such a wild and beautiful landscape. The long term value of Idaho's backcountry is too great to measure. Why would you repeat mistakes of the past and think you will get a different result. As soon as the mine becomes obsolete the company will bail and leave Idaho with the cleanup and management of their mess. Better choices need to be made for the future of Idaho and its citizens.