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Comments: Greetings,

I am a whitewater kayaker. I have not had the opportunity to kayak the south fork of the salmon and I believe I should be able to do that. The mining project endangers the whitewater on the south fork and main fork. There are chinook, steelhead, and bull trout that depend on these rivers for their habitat. We need protect the river environment. I spend at least once a week on rivers and see first hand how human actions interfere with our environment. It is heartbreaking to see dead salmon when the temperature gets too high. I believe the mine would cause similar problems except with pollution that may kill fish. We should not add dams to any rivers. We need to be taking them out. They cost hundreds of millions, will eventually fail, and alter the natural environment. I plan to visit the south fork of the salmon and spend my money in Idaho. Please do not harm these pristine natural environments, the fish and the whitewater I enjoy. I strongly support alternative 5. I am a concerned community member not associated with an interest group. Thanks!