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Comments: Hello, my name is Emily and I have called Idaho home for my whole life. As the policy that would implement mining on the South Fork of the Salmon River has been brought to my attention, I am highly concerned for the negative impacts this would have on the river ecosystems and the decreased access it would cause for future generations.

I am very concerned for the danger and disruption this project would cause to the surrounding species and ecosystems. I am worried that implementing mining practices could produce harmful chemical reactions and raise water temperatures which in turn, could create unhealthy and dangerous waters for river species. Likewise, I am concerned that these unhealthy conditions could place many fish species who are already listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act at even higher risk. I strongly believe that it is our responsibility to protect these species and look out for the health of our ecosystems, so that they can thrive and be preserved for future generations.

As someone who calls Idaho home, the health and wellbeing of these rivers is really important to me. I cherish the memories and time that I spent growing up on Idaho rivers and appreciate the stunning, priceless beauty that each of them offers. I want to protect these species and preserve these ecosystems so that one day my kids and future generations can enjoy this beautiful part of Idaho as well. Please consider termination of this project, so that we can protect these waters and preserve them for those that call this river home. Please help protect the priceless beauty and peace that this part of the Salmon River offers to so many. Thank you for your time.