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Comments: The south fork of the salmon river is a hub for activity It's essential habitat for native fish and aquatic insects, not to mention many amphibians and an essential part of life for forest animals as well. The river has provided recreation for people from around the region and country, not to mention the fact that its popularity brings in a significant amount of people to the area, people that help support that area's economy. The river is much more than a cash grab for most people, it's a way of life and brings together the community. Community and recreation are much more necessary than a precious metal that is deemed unessential and unnecessary. The south fork must be protected, draining it for a gold mine would be an abuse and exploitation of our natural resources and would cause environmental issues for decades, possibly centuries of environmental damage.