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Comments: To The Government Individual Who is Going to (Hopefully) Read This,

Good Day - in fact, it is truly hard to say that phrase based on the current situation of the country.

So, Hello.

Division runs rampant amongst Americans, hatred is perpetuated, and corporations are allowed to ransack sacred environments that humans have been respecting for thousands of years.

It is up to us (the people) to do the best we can to prevent such atrocities from being justified, especially when history has provided a solid roadmap of faults, and malfeasances. When it comes to environmental issues like the one I am writing to you about today, it should be regarded with the utmost importance.

How much money is a pristine watershed worth? I'm sure you government and private industry types are looking to the back of your head for a number. The truth is: clean water is priceless. No matter what superficial hoops you have to jump through to justify your bias answer; water is life.

The State of Idaho, the Salmon River Basin, and the Columbia River Basin demand respect. If we let foreign corporations like Midas Gold occupy the headwaters of the South Fork of the Salmon, we are allowing corruption at the purest level imaginable.

Wildlife, families, and Americans will suffer from choices made by bureaucrats looking to make a quick buck. If we look past the immediate monetary and political goals, what we have at stake in longevity is far more immense. Unfortunately,

I was raised in the Idaho Public School system. A state that prioritizes almost everything above public education. A state rated in the last ten percent of national ratings. My most profound lessons in life were taught by my exposure to clean rivers and healthy ecosystems. I hope that any citizen of the United States can enjoy the same luxuries I have had, stand up for what they think is right, and share that legacy with their children.

Based on current events, Americans have been more divisive, agitated, and hurt than any other period I can recollect. There is a common ground though: clean water. The human body is 60 percent water. Statistically speaking, we should agree upon this point and preserve precious resources such as this. Ones that are truly priceless.