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Comments: I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed gold mine on the south fork of the salmon river. I feel it is imperative that the beautiful pristine and untrammled nature of this river is preserved forever. We simply cannot afford to compromise any of the little remaining wilderness that we have in this country.

The idea of a mine in this watershed is absolutely unthinkable to me. Mining corporations have time and time again proven that short term profits are all that they care about. Environmental impacts are often passed off to the tax payers to deal with after the mining operation has gotten what they came for and bailed out of the area. The impacts of toxic waste at the top of the watershed would be detrimental to the health of the eco system.

Mining operations often like to claim that they are bringing economic benefits to the region and really this is short sighted misinformation. The hunters, anglers, whitewater enthusiasts, and lovers wildernesses that use this area outweigh the short term benefit of a few jobs in the region. Jobs brought through recreation alone generally benefit the economy more than a mining operation that will rape the land and then leave.

I implore you to stop this mining project and save our natural resources for all future generations to enjoy. The south fork of the salmon is more precious than gold just the way that it is now and it would be a tragedy to see that wealth discarded.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope you will make the right decision,