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Comments: Hello, thank you for accepting my public comment. I STRONGLY oppose this mine at this site. The short and long term damage the immediate area and surrounding areas will sustain both in the short and long term are simply too egregious to ignore. The South Fork Salmon and the surrounding areas is home to more than simply some extractable metals. Cashing in on these finite resources is short sighted. We humans should be stewards of the land and ecosystem, not simply greedy extractors of resources, constantly looking for the next quick financial transaction. Creating more roads and running more utilities in order to create, enlarge, or reinvigorate this mine will alter the immediate flora and fauna in a catastrophic manner. Watersheds will be tainted and poisoned. Mountains will be forever desecrated. All for what, money? If you've ever experienced this wild place on foot or from a boat in the flowing current you know how special this place is and the reality that this is the headwaters of one of the largest river systems in the United States. The water in the Salmon rivers is pure and clean. Camping in these canyons is magical. Why would anyone want to sacrifice these experiences for something that we trade for money?

Please, play the long game. Bet on the environment and the plants and animals that live within it everyday. Bet on the people who call this area home and the beauty of the water and the mountains that are as yet not ruined by mining and extraction. Protect this landscape and the rivers within in. Do NOT approve this mine. I implore you. Please do not approve this mine.