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Comments: I am very opposed to this project. I have been traveling in the Frank Church Wilderness and the South Fork drainage for 52 years. I also have been a volunteer archaeologist for the Payette National Forest for the last 13 years, working exclusively in the Frank Church. Although I am primarily a hiker, I have completed 30 kayak, dory, and raft trips down the Salmon, often camping at the confluence with the South Fork. The South Fork has taken decades to regain its previous value as a major salmon spawning area, after it was previously destroyed by USFS logging projects, causing heavy erosion and silting in of spawning beds. There are few places like the South Fork left, and trading such a magnificent place such as this for short term greed is simply a crime. Please reject this gold mining project. It's simply the wrong thing to do.