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Comments: As an Idaho resident who recreates in undeveloped land and appreciates the diversity of wildlife my state holds, I am concerned about this proposed gold mine. Putting roads in wilderness has the greatest impact to wildlife of any disruption to wild lands. It fragments habitat and causes wildlife to avoid the areas. The heavy vehicle traffic compounds the issue.

The water quality impacts are detrimental to the whole ecosystem and in conflict with clean water standards. Endangered salmon, steelhead, and bull trout need this river system to be healthy in order to survive. The transportation of millions of gallons of hazardous materials through river corridors and sensitive headwaters streams and millions of tons of materials behind a tailings dam further threatens the watershed.

The risk:benefit just doesn't add up. Please don't approve this irresponsible project. place 100 million tons of materials behind a 400 foot-high tailings dam