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Comments: When I was in college back in 1970, I was a raft guide in West Virginia on the Cheat River. This river is a perfect example of what uncontrolled mining can do to a fragile river's ecosystem. The mining acids and toxins caused the plant & animal life to literally DIE. The water & rocks were literally orange from the chemical pollution! People and animals couldn't even drink its water, or bathe with it! I can see the South Fork of the Salmon River experiencing this same tragedy! As a whitewater boater, this is my favorite river. I even have a directive that my ashes will be spread into this unbelievable, pristine river! To witness another gorgeous river be destroyed in my lifetime would kill me! Can we not leave just one river un-raped? This mining company claims that they will do their best to prevent their poisons from entering the river systems. Once they go bankrupt, WE ALL will pay for THEIR cleanup! This will become a repeat performance of the past!!