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Comments: You should deny a permit for the proposed pollution of the S Fork Salmon River and its tributaries.

The EIS is insufficient:

* it dishonestly downplays impacts to designated wilderness (Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness) such as excessive noise that would shatter the wilderness experience of visitors, sediment pollution from road construction, toxic pollution from mining operations, and disturbance to wildlife.

* The proposed new road would traverse very near the wilderness boundary, increasing access and impacts in what currently are quiet and little-used parts of the wilderness.

Please deny the proposed permit. Do what is right to protect the wilderness. Force the miners to clean up the existing sites.