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 ${\bf Comments: I\ FULLY\ support\ the\ USFS\ efforts\ to\ permit\ the\ mine\ in\ Idaho.} \quad This\ state,\ ironically,\ called\ the\ GEM$ 

state is founded on mining and ranching.

The economic and in road development of this area of the state will mean decades of prosperous development in Idaho for its peoples and additional access to the wilderness through the roads and other development.

We need to smartly mine our resources for the next economic plateau. Minerals such as gold, silver, platinum, lithium, and other rare earth minerals will keep the USA on a strong position as a global leader.

I hunt, fish, boat, hike and camp... I'm also a pilot with extensive back country experience in Alaska, WA, ID and Montana. And yes, while I do enjoy the peacefulness of the wilderness; I would be hypocritical in my views if not to encourage the USFS to issue this permit with the PERMIT STIPULATIONS met.

I helped Alaskan Natives develop the first environmentally friendly oil field in Alaska entirely on Native Lands. We did so with amazing cooperation of ALL stakeholders and to this day the Alpine Oil Field is a wonderful example of doing a big project correctly and with local as well as national interests in mind.