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Comments: I feel that this project should not be approved. I do relize that not being a resident of Idaho cheapens my opinion to some extent, but I often visit from Montana. The rivers of this region near the continental divide are a crucial part of the ecosystem. Not to mention the recreation oportunities as well as beauty they add to the land. Putting them in danger, in my opinion, should only be done when circumstances are absouly necissary. A gold mine is far from meeting that criteria. I see the importance of mining things like copper or iron, as they are a highly usefull resource in todays society. Gold, on the other hand, is not the same in terms of its usfullness. To generalize my view, this project does not even begin to approach the importance that should be required in order to put a habitat such as this in danger. Thank you for your time.