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Comments: As an Idahoan I'm appalled to see this proposed mine, particularly because the forest service's environmental impact statement is a gross misconception of the actual impacts this project will have. Our wilderness areas are a key component of Idaho culture and tradition and are a truly unique feature of our beautiful state. Idahoans are proud of our well-preserved wilderness areas and the proposed project is a direct threat to one of them. Though I agree that industry and job creation are important for any state's economy, the proposed project comes at too great a risk and provides too little benefit to Idahoans to justify the potential harms. The proposed project could have serious impacts on Idaho's thriving outdoor and ecotourism industries which could not only negatively impact Idaho workers and their family, but could also damage our state's reputation as a pristine and protected wilderness area. Furthermore, the proposed project threatens our states's fish including salmon, steelhead, and bull trout and has the potential to disrupt big game in the area. In a state of outdoorsmen, avid fishers, and hunters this project poses a serious and potentially irreversible threat to some of our most treasured recreational activities. Please consider what's best for Idaho workers, sportsmen, and all those who enjoy our wilderness areas and deny permits for this destructive project.