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Comments: The south fork of the Salmon river is a valuable public resource for the people of Idaho, the western U.S. and the nation. In its pristine condition it is more valuable than for the amount of gold that can be mined from it. The current plan is not acceptable because it does not take well enough into account traffic hazards on narrow Idaho roads, air and water quality where arsenic is involved and effects on fish (Bull trout are at risk.) and wildlife. The mining company promises to restore the area after it finishes mining, but there is no restoration that can really return a damaged mining area to its original pristine condition. In addition, mining companies in the past have promised to engage in restoration and instead have left the clean up to the tax payers. I am against this project and wish to see it denied, or, at the vary least, please insist on a tight and thorough EIR if you are determined to go ahead with the project.