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Comments: The proposed mine in this Wilderness area poses a threat to the natural beauty, the health of the local rivers and wildlife, and the recreational river and hiking opportunities this area is renowned for. If the river is diverted in any way it will be the end of one of The United States' last and most rugged naturally flowing stretches of river. These mines often pollute dangerous heavy metals and mine tailings into these ecosystems, which threaten the already dwindling numbers of important animal and plant species of Idaho, including the endangered salmon runs. The South Fork of the Salmon is a river that is famous amongst experienced whitewater enthusiasts around the world. This river is steeper, more wild, and is absolutely untamed than almost any other river in America. As a whitewater kayaker my friends and I dream every year of making the pilgrimage to this drainage; this is an economic opportunity that brings money into rural counties surrounding the same area this mine would potentially harm/make this river un-runnable.

This mine proposal is a hot topic amongst the growing population of boaters around the country and world. If this approval leads in any way to the destruction or harm of this immaculate Idaho environment, the backlash of upheaval will be heard around the world on news outlets, social media platforms, community meetings and protests. Idaho and the Forest Service have an opportunity here to uphold the Wilderness act and to continue to protect America's greatest resource, our natural lands. Please consider these comments and make the right decision to prevent this mine from altering this immaculate landscape.