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Comments: Hi there,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion upon this matter. I am contacting you in opposition upon this proposal. I feel that it's important to voice my opinion for something so special that can not do such.

I personally am ashamed that this proposal has gotten so far along. I think we all know that history repeats itself, and the majority of these projects end in an utter disaster. We see evidence of man's destruction from the prior project in the area. I know that there is "talk" of restoration, but this for-profit company is NOT coming to our backyard to make right on another mining companies destruction. They are coming into our backyard for greed. Plain and simple.

I feel that it is important to point out that in the timeframe that this proposal has started this company has already changed their name and guidelines. This organization has simply been playing smoke and mirrors all along. I beg that we don't fall into their trap. They have already shown us that when things don't go well for them, they just change their name and verbiage to try to look better. What do you think is going to happen when something catastrophic happens on site. I think that we all can see that they will just swap a name here declare bankruptcy there. They certainly will not impact investors dollars to do what is right, they will simply snake out of the agreement. All that comes to mind when I think of the way that they conduct themselves is a used car salesman. Trustworthy? I think not.

I know that there is grand talk on how this project will benefit this community. I simply do not believe the number of jobs that are proposed will actually go to local individuals. The majority of the workers will be outsourced. That leads us upon the housing crisis that we already face, not to mention the school and medical system that will be deeply impacted.

I feel that it is important to reflect upon what we are actually doing here. We are considering to accommodate a mine in one of the most vast wilderness systems that I personally have ever had the opportunity recreate in.

My relationship with the South Fork Salmon has impacted me beyond belief. I moved to Idaho in 2008 to enjoy the abundance of rivers that the state has to offer. It was in 2008 that I kayaked the South Fork for my 1st time, it didn't take long for me to understand that this stretch of water was going to be a special friend. Since that 1st trip in 2008 I have countless memories that have impacted my life for the better. I make a point to go down the river at least two, three times a season. The East Fork of the South Fork is an incredibly important stretch of water that needs to be mentioned too. The amount of recreation in this area is limitless. Kayaking, rafting, hiking, fishing, biking, motorsports...on and on. All walks of life migrate to this drainage to spend time with friends/family, truly a piece of wilderness that should just be left alone from man's destruction for the quest of greed.

I feel that it is important to point out that I have kayaked all over the world, each country that I have visited have special places to offer, but nothing like the South Fork of the Salmon! I will get asked about the rivers in Idaho when I am abroad, the river that I always speak of is the South Fork Salmon. It has always amazed me how world renounced our backyard river is, as people that I speak with know the South Fork and it is on their bucket list.

I feel that it is important to speak in opposition of this project so individuals can experience what is so close to my heart as god intended it. This drainage is too important to be considered to be altered just for a buck. Please just think on how it sits now in the headwaters with the scars from the prior mine and ask yourself was that worth it.

That money is gone, and all we see is destruction for greed. Then please consider why this time will be different.  
As I stated earlier...history repeats itself.