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Comments: I have real concerns about the proposed mine. The mining industry has a long history in Idaho of not doing the right thing. All of our super fund sites relate to mining projects that have gone astray and were not done properly reclaimed. The idea of a heap leach cyanide mine so close to the South Fork of the Salmon River is frightening. The South Fork of the Salmon River is a great resource used by so many Americans for all types of recreation. It is hard to imagine how the fish population will not be impacted negatively. Certainly the air quality and arsenic levels will be a problem. What plans are there for monitoring air quality to make sure it does not get out of hand? There needs to be real - time monitoring. The highway traffic on the area of the mine is already very high. Will the mine do anything to help improve the highways or will that be the responsibility of the citizens of Idaho? We know that our climate is changing. Have those changes been factored into the plan? Are the plans for stream restoration realistic enough to protect the fisheries that are already threatened? Maybe the smart thing is to revise the plan and address all of these concerns.