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Comments: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion on this critically important matter. We all know that mining formed an important part of our legacy here in Idaho. Tons and tons of ore has been extracted from our mountains. That history has helped form our identity. As the grandson of a mining engineer and the owner of a claim, I can appreciate this.

However, I think we can all appreciate that times are changing. No longer can we expect to extract from our fragile environment without recourse. The streams, rivers, and mountains, that once seemed limitless, are now more commonly devoid of fish, choked with recreationalists, and far less pristine than they once were. The Frank Church represents our last best hope at preserving what all of Idaho once was. This project proposes extracting on its very doorstep, with heavy traffic along multiple roads coursing along extremely important South Fork Salmon tributary spawning beds. The risk of petroleum spills, arsenic, and dust to this fragile ecosystem is too great to bear. Particularly for the short term economic benefit of a foreign company. Please reject this proposal. Your great grandchildren will thank you.