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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am born and raised in Boise Idaho and strongly urge you to permanently shut down this mine proposal. I have a degree in Environmental Science and an understanding of our current trajectories in the face of climate change. Preserving every natural resource we have left is going to be critical to survival. In Idaho, people have shown time and time again that they want natural spaces protected for future generations. Recreation, tourism, and fishing are significant contributors to our economies that if cared for properly will outlive the short term gains made by a mine. Mining operations have a strong history of severe environmental degradation, and poor reclamation efforts that often times fall on tax payers.

Please don't sell our lands to the highest bidder. These resources must be preserved for future generations and our Indigenous communities who we owe so much to, so that they too can see strong salmon runs and healthy rivers.

I trust you will do the right thing. We must think in the long term, and let history be our guide.

Vail