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Comments: The South Fork of the Salmon is a very ecologically important river. It is the home and spawning grounds for many fish species including the endangered chinook salmon. This would be compromised with the introduction of an open mine polluting the water with heavy metals and chemicals. The river flows into the Main Salmon which is a protected wild and scenic river, it is highly coveted for its ecosystem as well as recreation. The metals and chemicals from the proposed mine would wash down into this river and continue to compromise the ecosystem. It would pollute all the way from a little corner in Idaho to the Pacific Ocean where the Columbia enters the sea. Additionally, the South Fork of the Salmon is an important location for a handful of different indigenous groups, opening a mine would disrespect the land and disrespect the tribes that are connected to the land. Haven't we disrespected them enough?