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Comments: Mining has a historically negative impact on ecosystems and the natural environment. Those impacts, no matter the value of a project, always become a larger issue than could have been previously known. Mining has no positive, yet numerous negative impacts on waterways. The mine being proposed, if it goes through, will only become another stain on our cherished landscape, waterways, ecosystems and cultures. This mine will only further stain the relationship between America and the sovereign native peoples of this land, particularly the Nez Perce. The cultural implications as well as ecological impact make the issue clear. The existing issues in the area including tailings waste should be cleaned and addressed and the land restored to the natural state to preserve habitat, culture, and our legacy. We are accountable for this land and it's legacy and we must speak for those who cannot.