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Comments: Dear Supervisor Jackson,

The South Fork of the Salmon Rivers hosts some of the best remaining habitat for wild salmonids on the continents. While these wild fisheries have been and are an invaluable resource for the Snake River basin's indigenous populations for millennia, the century of river alteration and degradation has driven several of these species towards the brink of extinction; including chinook, steelhead, and bull trout. The future of these species depends upon the cold, clear, high altitude waters of the Salmon River drainage, and the East Fork South Fork Salmon River is of particular importance.

The SDEIS fails to address critical questions about the proposed project, including; impacts to eligible and suitable Wild and Scenic Rivers that would be effected by project operations including transpiration; impacts to air quality; near term impacts to fish populations; and impacts to recreational access to the river.