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Comments: I was born in central Idaho, and from the ages of 4-30 have spent the majority of my life in the South Fork and Main Salmon drainages. I grew up on the headwaters of the SF, have worked and lived on the Main and Middle Fork Salmon, and now plan to settle down permanently on the Salmon. I believe that this pristine watershed is one of the most special and valuable places in our state, and a precious resource for all that call Idaho Home. I want all future Idahoans, including my own, to have the same opportunities that I had. Opportunity to be a part of an undisturbed ecosystem and sacred place, in a time where places like the SF Salmon are becoming harder to find and protect at an alarming rate. In our state the Salmon River is part of our soul, and in my opinion, worth far more than the dollar amount of mineral resources that can be stripped from it.