

Burnt Rock Exploration
(Project 69000) Inquiry
Comments

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I am a 40 year resident of Bridgeport and I live under the Bodie Hills and have walked, soaked, skied, and observed birds, botany and wildlife in the Bodie Hills for all these years. There is a quiet tranquility and beauty to the Bodie Hills and all of its life forms that I hold as a sacred place and habitat that should be protected for now and the future.

Thus I wish to make comment about the Burnt Rock mining exploration and drilling projects that would utterly destroy almost 6,800 acres of land, including sage grouse habitat, deer, Antelope, Bears, foxes, badgers, coyotes and many varieties of birds and healthy forests and streams and rare plants. This project would damage the meadows, the streams, the forests and Native American cultural resources.

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Thus, I believe that this project should not go forward before doing a thorough Environmental Impact study and statement. The impacts on Sage Grouse habitat, male deer migration, on meadows, streams, forests and rare plants that are found only in the Bodie Hills, would not be mitigated and the impacts would not be minor. The destruction would be on a great scale. The Bodie Hills should be preserved and protected, not ruined and contaminated by mining companies.

Thank you for considering my comments. I am sure that most people who live here as well as our thousands of visitors would agree that the Bodie Hills deserve protection. Our beautiful Bodie Hills are a unique refugia for life and habitat and should never be destroyed for profit or any reason!

Sincerely,
Deborah Hope Lurie