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Comments: Dear Ms. Garcia,

I am a former Scoutmaster with Boy Scouts of America and my son is an Eagle Scout. We were a high adventure troop and took regular backpacking trips to the Sierra's and have visited Hot Creek Ranch many times. I am strongly opposed to Kore Mining's proposal for exploration sites for looking for gold or any precious metals which are a mile or two from our ranch and many of the mining sites would be in plain sight of the ranch.

I have several major concerns:

\*Noise pollution from drilling rigs and even eventually strip mining, which would impact our guests and most likely affect our guests returning to the ranch, not to mention the loss of revenue that the ranch brings to Mono County and the family

\*Also, we have a delicate water table system and aquifers that not only our cabins depend on for drinking water, but also our wild trout stream, which is fed by multiple springs and how the drilling may impact water quality.

\*Mining typically comes with large vehicles and the amount of dust these vehicles would create coming down the dirt roads would cause dust and noise pollution not only to the ranch, but also to the endangered Sage Grouse and other species that live in the area.

\*Last but not least, the tailings that typically come along with drilling and mining and the damage they would do to the environment around our ranch if they are not properly disposed of and the long-term scarring to the land that these sites would leave for years to come. To this day you can see the effects of exploratory chalk mining in the area which was dug over fifty years ago

I would think the US Forest Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife would strongly oppose this exploratory drilling as well to keep the Sierra Nevada's pristine and uncontaminated and protect the tourism within the area.

I appreciate any help you can provide in opposing this exploratory mining.