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RE: Long Valley

My name is Grace Anderson and I have been a landowner and part-time resident of Mono County since purchasing property in 1988. The Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project scoping notice invites the public to identify issues, opportunities, concerns, and suggestions for the proposed project which would entail drilling 42 cores on 14 drill pads. Thank you for this opportunity and especially for extending the comment deadline by one week. I am commenting to object to any project that begins a progression to significant scale mining in this sub-area of Mono County. I make three main points:

?I specifically object to the use of a NEPA process that entails a categorical exclusion for Kore Mining's proposed drilling.

? I additionally urge you find the application submitted to be data inadequate as it does not provide sufficient information to 1) evaluate the project's impacts even at the scoping level; and, 2) does not contain sufficient information to determine the reasonable expectations for California and Mono County to begin their own regulatory reviews that must be done to compliment the federal review and ensure processes for all permits necessary can be conducted in a coordinated fashion.

?Finally, I request you suspend processing of the application until additional, comprehensive and adequate information is provided and vetted by experts knowledgeable in the local geography, legal requirements and resource management.

If the Forest Service were to permit the Kore Project it would enable an exploratory mining operation in the headwaters of Hot Creek that could lead to harmful open pit mining near a productive fishery and populated recreation area. If implemented as described in the application, this project would allow Kore Mining to:

- drill around Hot Creek for gold with no plan or guarantee that gold exists in that area.
- dredge, excavate, and drill with heavy equipment that will cause stream degradation.
- undertake exploratory operation without advance information on how much water is needed, the depth of drilling, or the negative impact on the wildlife and the environment.
- introduce major industrial uses in a sub-area of the county heavily utilized for recreation;
- degrade pristine views
- inflict unknown impacts on sensitive habitat and wildlife including the unique sub-species of the Greater Sage Grouse found only in a limited portion of California and Nevada.

Please suspend the permitting process until complete documentation is provided and at that time initiate completion of a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Thank You

Grace Anderson