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Comments: I have just read the proposal and I Strongly Object to this "Exploration Drilling Project".

As an avid fly fisherman; who has been fishing in these areas, I Very Strongly OPPOSE of this "project". Despite what they are claiming that they will restore the area, meaning that they will cause severe Damage to the area. This Damage, will not just destroy the area but disturb and intrude heavily on the wild life in the area. Not to mention the extremely high risk of contamination from the chemicals that they will use. Contamination of and in the area is high. Contamination of our water systems, from the ground water, geothermal system, rain/snow run off that could easily flow into our rivers and streams. Which in turn will not only destroy our fisheries, but the other wildlife in the area which rely on these streams for their sustenance.

We outdoorsmen from fishermen, hunters, hikers, campers, and visitors do not want to see this happen. The risk of contamination to the areas we love and spend time in is far too great and cannot be "cleaned up" nor can they be "restored" as they propose. It will harm the echo system for ages to come. We have already seen in countless areas; example Bristol Bay Alaska and the mine they want to develop there, being encroached upon on our pristine wilderness which many of us enjoy and fight to preserve. Not just for our own enjoyment with family and friends, but for that of generations to come.

We all know that in Virginia City Nevada is fighting against open pit mining, and that Alaska also are fighting against the proposed "pebble mine". This "proposed project" if allowed here will end up with them proposing of open pit mining that Will cause irreparable damage, contamination, and harm to the wilderness and wildlife.

This "Poposal" Must Be Rejected