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Comments: When this project was forwarded to me, I initially thought it had to be a late April fool joke. The area of this proposed project is highly prized and revered recreational and wildlife territory. Hot Creek alone is one of the most cherished waters in California, famous not just for world class fly fishing, but for its beautiful hot springs and stunning views. The noise, dust, potential for run off damage, disruption to wildlife all make this a no-brainer: keep mining out!