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Comments: Hot Creek is one of the most photographed and visited areas in Mammoth Lakes, a community that relies almost entirely on tourism to survive. We are already experiencing noise and light pollution from geothermal developments nearby. Further efforts to extract resources in this area will certainly change the landscape and sensitive riparian environment, taking away from the natural beauty that draws visitors to Mammoth Lakes. Preservation should be the number one priority for this locality looking forward. Gold mines throughout the area have proven to be historically damaging with little or no long term benefits. In fact, mining has long been abandoned here because of the relatively low concentration of minerals. These proposed developments are certain to tarnish the landscape and will not provide any real benefit to the community. Let's not alter the vision of Mammoth Lakes to that of industrialization when we preach "leave no trace" to all visitors.