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Comments: At a time when biodiversity and climate change are being discussed as threats to our existence, gold-mining should be a low priority on a list of accepted projects.

These are things wrong with the project:

-- A more complete Environmental Assessment is needed to ensure a thorough review of the impacts and public participation.

-- Exploration and mining will threaten important habitat for a key population of Bi-State Sage Grouse.

-- Hot Creek, a popular fishing area and important recreational stream, may be affected by the drilling and would certainly suffer from an open pit mine.

--The project will create dust, noise and light pollution. There will be extensive truck traffic daily hauling water in and drilling waste out.

-- Mule Deer use this area and would likely be negatively affected by drilling and mining operations.