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Comments: I am greatly concerned by this proposed exploration drilling project in the location described in the scoping document. While seemingly innocuous in nature, this area is within lands used for deer migration and sage grouse habitat and threatens to disturb both, which are already under regular threat from hwy and off-highway traffic, the presence of the airport, and nearby water issues associated with Long Valley and the LADWP. How all of these issues intersect with the addition of even a moderate scale mining operation are unknown at this time.

I am furthermore concerned that the exploratory drilling will lead to a mining proposal that would include strip mining techniques similar to that proposed at Conglomerate Mesa in Inyo County, doing irreparable harm to the environment, an environment that relies heavily on tourism support our local economy.