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Comments: RE: "Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project" proposed by Kore USA Ltd. (Kore Mining).

I am submitting these comments to express my deep concern over the proposed mining in Long Valley. I must admit that I am a little surprised that this is occurring at the present time ... when we have only recently exited the darkest four year administration in environmental issues!

* First, an Environmental Assessment should be a non-negotiable requirement to ensure a thorough and complete review of the impacts of this proposal.

*Second, this initial exploration is bad enough, the thought of a large scale mining operation in this area is unconscionable! I do not believe an in depth conversation is needed regarding the fact that mining operations do NOT have a great track record in leaving "NO TRACE"!

* Last year, this area was subject to some of the worst air quality in the nation for weeks due to wildfires. Now, we are considering this project to move forward and by your decision, render parts of this area destroyed and air quality negatively impacted along with noise and light pollution.

*There will be extensive truck traffic daily hauling water in and drilling waste out all in the midst of a drought!

*Lastly, mule deer are present in that area and this project will no doubt have a lasting negative impact to their use of this area!

Thanks for your consideration and I pray that this proposal is NOT approved!