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Comments: This project should NOT be allowed to have a Categorical Exclusion permit. 14 drill pads 30 ft x 50 ft is a substantial disruption to the environment/ecosystem. Even exploring requires at least an EA.

While this land isn't under specific protection, it is mostly unloaded and is home to grouse, deer, and so many other animals and amazing plants. Deer migrate all through the Long Valley, and are hunted in season. New road construction and making drill pads will introduce noise into this quiet area which will disturb birds and small animals. Other companies have drilled and search for gold in the area, but obviously they chose not to open up mines. So why permit yet another foreign company to mess up the Valley for questionable results. Stop this permit NOW. No gold exploration, no CE, no disturbance in Long Valley, period.