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Comments: As a resident of Mono county I am appalled that this kind of project would even be considered in a place so important to the economic viability of the region. As well and directly related to the regional tourist economy, is the environmental impact this project would have. This area around Hot Creek, and the larger Long Valley is a vital habitat area for many important species including the Bi-State greater Sage Grouse. This area is used for fly fishing, is the home to a fly fishing ranch and a fish hatchery. Any kind of large scale mining operation would be so out of place and detrimental to the integrity of the area, and should be stopped at all costs.