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Comments: As a fisheries biologist who grew up in California and went to college in Reno just up 395 from Hot Creek, I am completely against any mining on this river or any of its tributaries.. The Eastern Sierra is one of the most incredible regions in the entire country, and it has always had to battle the strenuous anthropogenic effects that come with being in a state home to 40 million people. Throw in the environmental turmoil(drought, fires, etc) that has been throwing California like a rag doll the last several decades, and the inconsistent and ever changing regulations the state keeps making involving trout streams, a mine is the last thing this pristine fishery needs to deal with. Mines essentially spell disaster for fisheries and watersheds every single time they're implemented. If California really wants to be the "environmentally progressive" state it bolsters itself to be, then propositions such as this need to be stopped dead in their tracks.