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Comments: I have and guided coordinated backcountry trips in the Eastern Sierra for over forty years and still have a Mono County business license (DBA Sierra Treks, #0212). The environmental impacts of mining in the Eastern Sierra -- such as the "Long Valley Drilling Exploration Project #59294 -- are incompatible with the Eastern Sierra's tourism economy lifeblood. A Categorical Exclusion (CX) is insufficient to evaluate the impacts of such an incompatible project. NEPA requires at least an Environmental Assessment that takes "a hard look" at the proposed project's immediate impacts and contribution to cumulative impacts and a reasonable range of alternatives, including a "No Action" alternative that does not approve the proposed project in any way, shape, or form. Please do NOT shortcut NEPA by CXing this project. Better yet, just completely "X" it out now.