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Comments: I first fished Hot Creek in the early 1960s at the age of 12 or so. It was then largely unregulated and we were throwing Super Dupers while marveling at the sulphur springs pulsing along the bank, the super-heated pools of azure blue water, and the volcanic landscape. I've returned many many times, fishing the Ranch as well. Both slopes of the Sierra show the scars of mineral extraction. Some were made so long ago that we can treat them as parks and reminders of a lost time. A proposal in this 21st century to authorize those degradations again is nearly unbelievable. Anyone with any acquaintance with the Sierra understands its delicate balances. Anyone who reads the paper knows the breaking wave of global warming. Anyone who cares for fresh water knows the priceless value of springs and creeks. This is public land. The public owes its degradation to no one seeking private fortunes. We are not obliged to suffer the burdens of their dreams, though they can perfectly well join with us in a deep appreciation of these gifts of the natural world. There aren't enough places left like the Hot Creek eco and hydraulic systems. I deeply opposed this proposal. I am deeply offended by it.