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Comments: Good Morning,

My name is Chris and I am writing today to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** the proposed Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project near Hot Creek by KORE USA Ltd. I am concerned about the projects proximity to California's most iconic trout hatchery. Myself, and countless others, spend our time and money in the Mammoth/Bishop area specifically because of the fishery at Hot Creek. Any project that poses a threat to the qualities of the water and fish threatens economic activity in the surrounding communities, driven by anglers. I also will be mentioning my concerns this week to the California State Water Resources Control Board (Region 6), and urging the state agency to protect the waters of the state by shining a light on this proposal.

I urge you to carefully consider the potentially adverse impacts to the surrounding environment (of which there are many) and reject the commercial mining interests in favor of the interests of the ecosystems. During a time of uncertainty regarding the future of our rivers, streams, flora and fauna, it is paramount that we protect the few remaining resources as needed.