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Comments: I am strongly opposed to Kore Mining's exploratory drilling project in Long Valley. In such a sensitive, water-scarce environment, the construction of 14 drilling pads and road access to them would be unnecessarily destructive. It would mar the natural environment and disrupt important species habitat. The last thing the area needs is a noisy, polluting, habitat-disrupting mine.

I therefore oppose the categorical exclusion for this project, and request that Kore Mining provide an accurate environmental assessment.

Thank you.