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Comments: I am a resident of San Diego County, but travel to the Sierras periodically for fishing and camping near the proposed areas. I am also a former petroleum engineer and have some knowledge of drilling and coring technology.

Drilling/coring, in addition to producing rock cuttings and drilling muds that have to be disposed of, require a source of large amounts of water, and will probably produce a fairly large amount of waste water

While the scoping document indicates that cuttings and drilling mud will be disposed off "properly", I strongly suggest that additional discussion be held regarding drill site water sourcing, and how waste water will be handled.