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Comments: Dear Ms Garcia,

Please do not allow project 59294, drilling for gold in Long Valley. Any threat to the Owens River and specifically the Hot Creek fishery is unthinkable. The fishery is far more valuable to the local community than any gold that may be discovered. The Hot Creek fishery is a unique stream, As a fly fishing only, catch and release water way that supports a terrific fishery with easy access, it is far more rare than gold. As far as I know it is the only stream of its kind in the state. Hot Creek and the Owens River draw tens of thousands of fishers from all over the world. It is a resource that is unique, natural and irreplaceable. Please do not allow mineral exploration in the area.