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Comments: I strongly oppose the proposed exploratory mining by KORE, especially that on the area of Hot Creek. It is clear from any visit to the Gold Country just how destructive such mining can be, and what a lasting ruinous effect it can have on the environment. When there are already relict mining projects in the area, the need for a mining company's potential but unproven profits cannot outweigh the deleterious effects on the environment as a whole and especially the water quality of a very important fishery. At the very least, a most stringent environmental impact review must be conducted before any exploratory desecration is considered.