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Comments: I wish to strongly object to the proposal to drill any exploratory mines in the Long Valley as proposed. The putative benefits of any mining are greatly outweighed by the likely damage to the environment in an area of considerable environmental and recreational value.

Drilling exploratory mines will cause significant damage to a region that has already suffered to considerable damage to the principal driver of the local economy - tourism. Mining will negatively affect tourism and, arguably of even more importance, the environment.

Further, the environmental carbon impact of mining and extracting minerals from the ground far exceed any potential profit that will be obtained by the mining company (but not the community).

I strongly object to the proposal.