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Comments: Allowing any sort of mining in such a delicate and important ecosystem is both irrational and irresponsible. Please stop this immediately!

The proposal for the exploratory operation provides no information on how much water is needed, the depth of drilling, or the negative impact on the wildlife and the environment. If the operation is granted, it would have long-term ramifications for one of California's iconic wild trout fisheries and for the wildlife surrounding the area. The Hot Creek watershed is highly sensitive and has remnant impacts of historic mining and development in that area. At a minimum, a full EIS should be conducted in order to properly assess the full impacts and allow for meaningful public engagement.

Sincerely,

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