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Comments: Dear Inyo National Forest

I'm one of the owners of Hot Creek Ranch and I am strongly opposed to Kore Mining's proposal for exploration sites for looking for gold or any precious metals. This exploration would be a mile or two from our ranch and many of the mining sites would be in plain sight of the ranch.

I have several major concerns:

*We have a delicate water table system and aquifers that not only our cabins depend on for drinking water, but also our wild trout stream, which is fed by multiple springs and how the drilling may impact water quality.

*Mining typically comes with large vehicles and the amount of dust these vehicles would create coming down the dirt roads would cause dust and noise pollution and the effect it would have on the endangered Sage Grouse and other species that live in the area.

*Reading the articles about this gold mining company, they plan on excavating 22,000 tons of ore per day over 7 years in an open pit mine and at that rate, this pit will be the size of a football stadium. Our ranch and wild trout stream will have a front row seat looking at the mine and will be able to hear the noise in stereo, since they will most likely be using loaders and dump trucks the size of our cabins, let alone the blasting they will be doing too. I can only imagine the noise and dust pollution that this will cause. How will this affect the area's tourism, let alone or ranch guests and the ranch's income over the seven years. To this day you can see the effects of exploratory chalk mining in the area which was dug over fifty years ago.

I would think the US Forest Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife would strongly oppose this exploratory drilling as well to keep the Sierra Nevada's pristine and uncontaminated and protect the tourism within the area.

I appreciate any help you can provide in opposing this exploratory mining.

Thank you,

Jane Marks