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Comments: Mono County has hung its hat on tourism. I object to supporting any mining economic development project Mono County as I consider it to be mutually exclusive to tourism. The potential negative impacts far outweigh the short term economic gains from this proposed heap leach gold mine (Sage grouse, Hot Creek fisheries, ground and surface water contamination, impacts from roads/dust, noise of equipment). Say "no" now so that you don't have to say no later after millions of dollars have been spent on exploration. The area is so rich in natural resources that can sustain a long term economy through tourism. Mining brings few dollars into the local coffers and when the price drops of the gold runs out, they are gone.