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Comments: My name is Dennis Mulroy, I've been camping, hiking, and fishing in the Mammoth Lakes area for over 50 years and have taken my family fishing at Hot Creek in both the public and private section of the creek for over 20 years. This s a special place. I want to voice my opposition to this project. People who visit the Mammoth Lakes Area value, enjoy and appreciate the beauty and wonder of the environment and I'm deeply concerned about what this project with do to the area. Fly fishing in the Hot Creek is on a catch and release basis to preserve this pristine environment for all to enjoy long into the future. Allowing exploration even on a temporary basis could have dramatic and long-lasting consequences to the area and water resources. We all remember the serious drought we've had over the last 10 years, the creek is just now getting back to the balanced ecosystem needed to allow the fish and wildlife to flourish. Bringing heavy equipment and drilling to the area could cause lasting damage to this beautiful area. Where is the water going to come from, where is it going to go, what kinds of lubricants will be used during the drilling process that will be left behind long after they've left, even if no gold is found. Please don't risk this area so a company can profit from the gold that may be underground. This process could ruin this environment for many years and eliminate our next generation from enjoying its beauty and the joy of fishing this wonder creek. At a minimum, there should be an environmental impact study to determine if even the one-year project could cause long-lasting damage and affect the joy this area brings to thousands of people. Please reject this proposal, thanks for listening.

Dennis Mulroy