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Comments: Dear Forest Service:

It is alarming that a Canadian company wants to exploratory drill in the Long Valley. Why is the United States allowing this to happen? This is quite a scenic area. Ranches began disappearing in the twentieth century from the Eastern Sierra and the Owens Valley brought about by the City of Los Angeles. In order to replace this agrarian economy, tourism replaced it. Our livelihoods rely on the beauty of this region. Destroy it with unsightly drilling rigs, open pit mines, etc. and people will not come here to enjoy the recreational opportunities. The same goes for Conglomerate Mesa- once again that beautiful spot wants to be turned into an open pit mine as well by a Canadian corporation.

In regards to Long Valley- It is a sensitive area volcanically. I would not advise drilling there for any reason as it may disturb the underground layers. We already worry in this region about eruptions, and Long Valley is technically a volcanic caldera. It often has earthquakes, and the magma is close to the surface there. Hot Creek is located here as well. Drilling could disrupt this geological wonderland. The Arcularius Ranch is located here, and the drilling would disrupt the fly fishermen who vacation here.

What could this company be thinking to disrupt our economy?! We have been wrangling conflicts from outsiders since 1900 to preserve our economy, and will continue to do so for as long as it takes!

Thanks very much for listening.