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Comments: To whom it may concern:

My name is Spencer Beers-Mulroy, I am a California resident and frequent visitor to the Eastern Sierra region. I was devastated to learn of the proposed Kore mining exploration sites and adamantly opposed to the proposed exploration.

The part that saddens me the most is the way the organization is leveraging a law from the 1800's to destroy the area and circumnavigate an Environmental Analysis. They are doing this because they know the EA would jeopardize the venture for them. You don't have to be a scientist to know that a gold mining operation would have a negative impact on the surrounding environment.

What is the impact on the local wildlife population (i.e. deer, Sage Grouse, fish), vegetation/habitat, and residents of the area? What about pollution of all kinds (i.e. chemical, noise, light, dust, traffic)? Where will they get water from? Where will tailings/mud/used water go? What is the impact to the water sources in the area? How will the area be reclaimed? The list goes on.

In addition to the environmental impact, what about the impact to the local economy which is reliant on tourism and outdoor recreation in the area. Any positive economic impact by the Kore operation would be dramatically offset by the negative impact to the local economy. What tourist or outdoor/nature enthusiast wants to visit a construction site/gold mine? The answer is no one. They will spend their dollars elsewhere and they may never return to the area. No one can enjoy the beauty of the area when that beauty is taken away by an operation like the one being propose.

I appreciate you taking my comments and concerns into consideration. As I previously stated, I am adamantly opposed to the Kore mining exploration and beg of you to, at the minimum, conduct an Environmental Analysis.

Regards,

Spencer Beers-Mulroy