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District Ranger Gordon P. Martin

Dear District Ranger Martin,

Please accept our comments on the Kore Exploration Drilling Project in the Long Valley in Mono County, California.

We are very concerned about the proposed exploration drilling project. There are so many environmental issues that we object to the proposed categorical exclusion being applied to the project. At a minimum, an environment assessment must be completed for this exploration proposal.

This proposal would required a large amount of water. Water is a vital concern with demands for this precious resource demanded by Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power and the necessary requirements of the people and ranches of our region. We are experiencing drought conditions so the water supply is limited.

This drilling proposal is in an important recreational site for fishing and tourism. The views are stunning and important for visitors and residents. This proposed activity will create noise, dust, and pollution.

It will impact the wildlife, including as the threatened sage grouse and the deer. These are only a few of the negative impacts of this proposal.

Please accept our comments and we want to participate in future discussions regarding this exploration proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate.

Sincerely,

Wilma Wheeler

Bryce Wheeler