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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I am submitting my public comment regarding the Long Valley Drilling Project.

I am adamantly opposed to this proposal and having a difficult time believing that this would be approved. There are several reasons why I do not want to see Kore mining come and destroy the natural landscape of the valley. As a chemist/biochemist that has worked at several labs and now...a large company...there is corruption, illegal disposing and waste that occurs every day. I have seen the abuse and lack of consideration for the public's wellbeing/environment from companies and labs that utilize these chemicals. The chemicals that Kore mining will be using to drill/extract.. I guarantee will not be regulated and there will be little oversight in the management of their operation. They will destroy the surrounding area and then move on to a new site. Who will be evaluating the site when they leave....are they mandated to restore it? Yes, companies will look for anyway to make money...and leave a path of destruction behind. I have seen it and there is rarely any oversight. The decision you are making will have an enormous impact on the environment and surrounding area with lasting effects. Residue and the toxic effects from these chemicals last for generations. And this is only the beginning....what will happen if they actually find gold. On a personal note, I don't have children...but I am writing this to preserve our beautiful and wonderful landscape and waterways for my nieces to enjoy and preserve for years to come. Please do not make the same mistakes that many others are making. Hasn't enough of our environment been destroyed by our selfish attempt to become rich. What amount of money is enough to sacrifice our pristine wilderness...is it worth more than gold?? I say yes.