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Comments: I oppose the Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project #59294. The proposed mining exploration in the headwaters of Hot Creek poses an immediate and long-term risk to a unique watershed (Hot Creek) and culturally-sensitive area (Paiute). Hot Creek is a unique spring-creek that supports a world-class fishery and California-designated Wild Trout Water, while the surrounding hot springs attract bathers from all over the world. Many consider the lower section of Hot Creek, the Hot Creek Geological Site, as a "miniature Yellowstone" with its neon-blue geothermal pools subaquatic geysers. Meanwhile, the archaeological importance of the region is clear with rock shelters, stone tools, and projectile points still common to this day. Exploratory drilling for a mining project that would pose a existential risk to this historic, unique, and treasured watershed should not be approved.