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Comments: Dear Ms. Garcia,

I oppose mining in the proposed area near the origin of Hot Creek. Hot Creek is a wild trout stream, where a delicate balance of nature must be maintained for trout to be nourished, grow, and reproduce. A mine, such as the one proposed, would inevitably leach minerals into the stream, degrading its quality. Insects that require pure water to complete their life cycle would be threatened, and thus so would the trout that depend on the insects for their sources of food. At the very least, a thorough Environmental Impact Report should be filed before any exploratory drilling is allowed.

Sincerely,

Stuart Fox, Ph.D.