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Comments: Hot Creek is a special area for many of us here in CA. The area is more important than another gold mine. My biggest issue is that I see no evidence of an EIR for this proposed project. As we have seen way too many times, mining projects make mistakes and the local environment suffers. Often the damage goes unseen for years...tailing ponds leaching into ground water is a prime example. If damage is done, apologies by the mine or our government have no value. If the project has to go forward, at least get an EIR.

Thank you for doing the right thing...

**Edward Denson**