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Comments: Ms. Garcia,

I have recently been made aware of plans by Kore Mining to begin an exploration drilling project in the ecologically sensitive area of Long Valley in Mono County.

Extraction industries are not compatible with or friendly to sensitive natural areas. This operation will result in the degradation of habitat for protected fisheries, including Hot Creek and the Owens River, and areas which have only been recovering in the last 20 years from the excessive Los Angeles water grab of the early 1900s.

I have seen what mining operations can do to sensitive fishing water. The Molycorp mine in Questa, New Mexico, poisoned the Red River turning it a milky blue which also damaged the Rio Grande into which the Red River flows. Of course, the phalanx of Molycorp lawyers continue to deny that the mine has affected the river, groundwater, livestock, and human health in the area.

Please, do not permit speculative mining operations in the Hot Creek area of Mono County.

Regards,

David Hale