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Comments: Hello,

The problem with this project is that even if at first it has a small, 1 acre footprint, this company clearly intends to use the results of this exploratory drilling (if the findings are successful) to push for a mining operation in Long Valley.

This is unacceptable. No one want the land to be permanently scarred and waterways poisoned by a new mining operation. Long Valley has a delicate ecosystem that is already being threatened by LADWP not allowing enough water to flow through it. We do not need private companies coming in to further disturb and destroy this area for private gain. The fishing / recreation that happens in this area is far for valuable to the local economy than a destructive and unnecessary mining operation ever would be.

A mining operation could disturb the delicate network of geothermal springs in the area. The ground water could be poisoned. The roads will see much more use by huge, fast moving mining vehicles. The peace of the valley will be ruined. There will be more lights and activity.

I do not want to see Long Valley exploited for private gain. This project must not be allowed to happen.

Thank you.