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Comments: I feel this project is disastrous in many ways. KORE Mining wants to drill around Hot Creek for gold with no plan or guarantee that gold exists in that area. Dredging and excavation will cause dramatic stream degradation.

The proposal for the exploratory operation provides no information on how much water is needed, the depth of drilling, or the negative impact on the wildlife and the environment. If the operation is granted, it would have long-term ramifications for one of California's iconic wild trout fisheries and for the wildlife surrounding the area.

The Hot Creek watershed is highly sensitive and has remnant impacts of historic mining and development in that area.