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Comments: I oppose! Please do not approve this project. I myself am fascinated by gems, minerals, and mining, but I feel this would have a grave impact on the surrounding environment. Not to mention the impact on ground water, local water sources, animal homes/fisheries, grouse habitat, and the hot creek geological site. We are also in a drought and this would use valuable water that the local town and land needs. The possible toxicity of chemicals being used for drilling and where is the runoff going? This could destroy the land that has been trying to restore itself. An open pit mine would have irreparable damage and could severely damage Hot Creek. This area should be preserved for volcanic observation and for future generations to visit. I see NO positive outcome from drilling our precious land and using up our water sources. This would heavily impact the locals as well, I am a permanent resident of Mammoth Lakes. I strongly urge you to ban any mining in this area.