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Comments: I have been visiting Long Valley since 1997, and love the area for its unspoiled beauty, its solitude, and its fishing. I strongly oppose the proposal to allow mining in this area because I have first hand knowledge of gold mining, and am well aware that, no matter how many precautions are taken, it is a noisy, dirty process that poses a catastrophic risk to the environment, and would destroy the features that I enjoy. If the license is granted, I very much doubt whether I will continue to visit the area. This will mean that I will not stay at local hotels, hire local fishing guides or spend money at local stores. I suspect that many others will do the same, which will create a significant negative effect on the area's economy which will far outweigh any economic benefits that the mine owners might be claiming to offer. Please do not allow this project to proceed. Thank you.