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Comments: The environmental concerns do not warrant a USFS determination of categorical exclusion for Long Valley Drilling Exploration Project #59294. The USFS should not permit the additional exploratory drilling proposed by Kore Mining in Long Valley Drilling Exploration Project #59294 because the exploratory drilling cannot be considered separately from the ultimate intent of Kore Mining to perform Heap Leach Mining for Gold at this site on public land. There has been considerable exploratory drilling in the past, so more drilling and the associated disturbance is not necessary. The proposed mine presents significant risks, concerns and potentially serious long-term harm to the area, with insignificant benefit to the public.