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Comments: I write as a concerned, full-time and home-owning resident of Mammoth Lakes, California, to express my opposition to the proposed Long Valley Exploration Drilling project proposed by Kore USA Ltd. (Kore Mining) in the Long Valley region. In my opposition to categorical exclusion, I also request that Kore Mining provide an environmental assessment.

As an area that thrives on the importance of preserving our natural landscapes for both ecological and economic reasons, a project such as that proposed by Kore Mining has no place in the Long Valley region. When the harm from such a project outweighs the benefits to both the region and those who live in and visit it, such projects must be rejected for what they are: myopic, opportunistic investment opportunities set to benefit Kore Mining at the expense, detriment, and exploitation of the environment and those people connected to and intimately involved with that very environment.

Therefore, I also feel it is time to amend antiquated 1872 mining law to allow the U.S. Forest Service reject / deny a project when the harm outweighs the benefits.