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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I'm vehemently opposed to Kore Mining's proposed exploration in the Long Valley area. I've read the proposal, and while the process and mitigation measures appear to be well-conceived and -planned, it is the very concept of looking for minerals I find problematic. Obviously, if minerals are found, the next step is mining them. Mining practices are fundamentally dirty and destructive. The water table out there is high, the land porous. From what I've come to understand from other mining projects, the leaching of toxic chemicals is highly probable. Not only that, I fear that once minerals are found in this area, it will open up mining exploration and exploitation to other concerns. This land's ecosystem is fragile; its contours, water table, plants, and animals all deserve protection. I cannot stand by and allow the possible visual and chemical contamination by a mining interest. I will be there in person to protest should this exploration be allowed to continue.