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Comments: I am not opposed to gold mining per se, but the seismically active Long Valley caldera is a poor place to risk siting the proposed project. Hot Creek is a rare stream with the ideal amount of geothermal input to allow trout growth year round, so it is too valuable to the fishing public to disturb further. We can't predict the occurrence of major seismic events, but I am also concerned about short- and medium-term storage of toxic materials in Hot Creek gorge, since the Owens River and Crowley Lake downstream are extremely important to the tourism-based economy of Mono County. In conclusion, I cannot see how partial industrialization of Hot Creek can deliver benefits commensurate with the cost to the public.