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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

Long Valley has already suffered. Suffered when DWP delivered its mortal wounds for aqueduct project at large. We are already sending our most precious resource to Los Angeles with little to no stewardship on the receiving end. Nature being nature adapted and recovered a measure of its beauty. Beauty evidenced by a beautiful meadow flanking the Owens River, and Hotcreek with its calipered flanked by the canyon.

If mining is allowed to proceed irreparable damage and harm will be left in its wake. Are we no better than LADWP to then allow permanent destruction for gold that will benefit but a few. This is another case of human greed, plumbing for something that will benefit but a few yet render fatality for many, the land, its humans and its animal. It is unconscionable that this is even being considered.

I beg of you to say NO. We must save our lands. To summarize, issued here is a borrow from John Muir one of America's most renowned environmentalists

"IN WILDERNESS LIES HOPE OF THE WORLD"- John Muir.

Passionately,

Rhonda Aihara