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Comments: Hello, I oppose the categorical exclusion for this project (Long Valley Exploration Drilling Project #59294). Kore Mining should provide a more extensive environmental assessment. There will be an environmental impact of this project, and it should be evaluated and known.

According to Kore Mining's technical report, the mining operations would go through the days and nights, seven days per week. Is that what the Inyo National Forest stands for and allows? Lights and noise from machinery 24/7? In addition, open pit mining and cyanide heap leach methods are harmful to the environments they operate in, and often are not cleaned up as initially agreed upon.

Regardless of whether the project continues into that phase as a mine, exploratory drilling also has impacts to the environment, and a study should be completed to determine what specific impacts there will be on this specific landscape.

The facts need to be known so that an informed decision can be made on whether to allow this drilling or not. Thank you.