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Comments: The Redwood Empire Chapter of Trout Unlimited would like to express our concern over the proposed Long Valley Exploratory Drilling Project. The proximity of the project to Hot Creek, one of the premier trout fisheries in California, raises serious concerns as to how the project may affect water quality and aesthetic values. Mining, including exploratory drilling, has the potential to create negative environmental and scenic impacts. We ask that the Forest Service properly assess these potential impacts prior to this project moving forward.