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Comments: I have trouble believing that an exploratory drilling project would be seriously considered in this area, and not simply laughed at. The area nearby is a national treasure. The only possible reason for exploratory drilling is to establish the potential for resource extraction, which should not be permitted under any circumstances.

In addition to the obvious problem of disturbing the rich natural environment in this area, it is also a geologically unstable region with geothermal and volcanic features, making drilling holes for no reason even more nonsensical. Please do NOT allow exploratory drilling in this area. Thank you.