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Comments: I am writing today, in opposition to the proposed golden crest exploratory drilling project. I believe a full environmental impact statement needs to be completed before a project like this is allowed to move forward. But even if that were done and approved, I would still be opposed to the mining of gold in the northern hills. Not that the area is some completely wild, and unspoiled place, but it's fairly close, and we need more natural areas for the public to recreate and enjoy all mother nature has to offer. A gold mining operation is sure to remove/destroy the serenity of yet another wild place, and for what.....riches.....personal gain of a few?!