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Comments: I strongly oppose Pete Lien's plan to drill exploratory holes for all these reasons: environmental, historical, and community-based- I urge you to reject this proposal and preserve the natural and community resources that make this area so vital and unique. This region includes delicate hydrological systems and springs that could be permanently disrupted by even exploratory drilling. The potential for contamination or alteration of groundwater flow poses a direct threat to not only immediately, but to future generations who depend on clean and stable water sources.

The area surrounding the proposed drilling sites supports a wide range of wildlife, all of which rely on these creeks and the surrounding habitat for survival. The potential pollutants and disturbed/contaminated springs from drilling could cause lasting harm to these species.

Equally important is the historical value of this region. The Reynolds Ranch and Stage Stop, a historic district, lies in close proximity to the drilling area. Industrial activity so close to such a significant heritage site threatens its integrity and the quiet, rural character that defines a small community.