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Comments: I'm deeply concerned about the proposed exploration drilling in the Ponderosa area. This region is not only ecologically sensitive but also a cherished destination for outdoor enthusiasts. Drilling operations could severely disrupt recreational activities like hiking and rock climbing-two of the area's most popular and economically beneficial pastimes. The noise, road construction, and potential restrictions to access would degrade the natural experience and could deter visitors who seek the tranquility and challenge that Ponderosa offers. I urge decision-makers to carefully consider the long-term impacts on public enjoyment and local tourism before moving forward with any drilling activities.