

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 6/5/2026 8:06:49 AM

First name: Rosemary

Last name: Moore

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I strongly support renewable energy, including geothermal energy. However, I am concerned that this project has not been fully evaluated for its environmental impacts and how harmful ones can be worked around.

This project is near sensitive wilderness, steep terrain, and streams. It therefore should undergo a more complete environmental review before any lease is issued.

My main concerns are that

- \* The project could affect local streams, groundwater, and fish habitat.
- \* Drilling and construction may well require new roads, heavy equipment access, and year-round traffic in a fragile area.
- \* The project could disturb wilderness character, wildlife habitat, and the scenic quality of the area.
- \* The project should not allow fracking in exploratory wells.
- \* Water for drilling and operations should not be taken from local streams; if water is needed, it should be brought in from municipal sources.
- \* Strong protections should be required for spills, blowouts, well failures, and site cleanup.
- \* The project should include clear financial responsibility, including a substantial bond, so cleanup and restoration are fully covered if something goes wrong.
- \* Any lease should be limited in time and should not remain open indefinitely.

A full Environmental Impact Statement should be prepared before any lease is finalized, and it should clearly spell out what activities will and will not be allowed.

At a minimum, each leasing project should require a closed-loop geothermal system, no new roads in sensitive areas, no fracking, no local stream withdrawals, and full restoration of the site if the project does not proceed safely or successfully.

I support clean energy, but it must be developed without unnecessary harm to water, wildlife, wilderness values, and nearby communities.