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From: John and Ros Gorham <johnros@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2019 3:46 PM
To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

As a Mono County land owner, tax payer and frequent visitor to the Mono Basin, I am totally against the proposed Tioga Inn Project as it is currently configured.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- The Final SEIR needs to include project alternatives that reduce the visual and aesthetic impacts to a less than significant level.
- This project should not be visible from South Tufa or Hwy 395 south of the Tioga Pass junction.
- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.
- Mono Lake, the Gateway of Yosemite National Park, the community of Lee Vining, and scenic Mono County deserve a better project design than the one currently proposed.
- The previously approved hotel and restaurant already received special Mono County approval to create permanent adverse visual impacts. Now the proponent seeks to expand the project and create significant new visual impacts that will affect highway travelers and Mono Lake visitors every day. All visual impacts should be evaluated, and

mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

Before this project can be approved, all of the above concerns must be addressed.

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Bentley Regehr

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I'm a prize winning photographer who has visited Mono Lake to shoot landscapes at various times.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

Too turn Mono Lake into an aesthetically unpleasant place to visit, marred by the thoughtless undertaking of the Tioga Inn, would only mitigate less visits by people who desire to see the Lake in its unspoiled state.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

Mono Lake should be preserved for people to see from all angles without the invasion of such thoughtless enterprises as the Tioga Inn as proposed in its present form.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I've been visiting Lee Vining CA. and the eastern Sierra for decades now. I've been a supporter and advocate for the Mono Lake Committee for all those years. I have participated in many field trips sponsored by them and attended the bird festival held there. I have camped, hiked, kayaked and have loved all my time there.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I was born (1950) and raised in California. I visited this area for sixty years. The Mono Basin is one of most beautiful on the Eastern Sierra. Moved to NW AZ 3 years ago. Still close enough to visit.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

This project does not fit in with the area .

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In conclusion:

This project needs to be downsized to the original approved projects intended size

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Bentley Regehr

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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been a Mono Lake Supporter for over 30 years and would hate to see such a project ruin the ambience of this lovely area.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

Please reconsider this poorly planned project, for the good of this beautiful lake.

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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My name is Jeff Grandy and I've been visiting and photographing Mono Lake for 40 years.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

Mono Lake, and it's vistas, from various viewpoints, is unlike any other place in this country. Many times I've stood on that same bluff, along with others, to appreciate a sunset or sunrise, or just take in the vastness of the basin. I can't imagine a big, bright lump of buildings up there. There has got to be better options!

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Sincerely, Jeff Grandy

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There must be a line where our moral obligation to be stewards of the Earth has boundary! More, more, and more development is not the answer to our future. Truly, wildness is the future of our planet!

In conclusion:

There must be a line where our moral obligation to be stewards of the Earth has boundary! More, more, and more development is not the answer to our future. Truly, wildness is the future of our planet!

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Sincerely

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

As an Environmental Educator and visitor to Mono Lake, I am appalled at the proposed development.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Mono Lake/Basin took my breath away when I first saw it and it was love at first sight!

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I will never forget the first time I visited this beautiful area. Absolutely breathtaking. It was my first outing with my new camera and I cherish those photos and memories. It's a terrible thought that future generations would not be able to enjoy that beauty as I did.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

I urge the county to put our environment over capitalism. It's atrocious to think our leaders undervalue this gem.

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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

In 2018, I worked for the Yosemite Youth Conservation Corps. For one of our education days, we came to Mono Lake and learned about its delicate ecosystem, and how it is an essential location for migrating birds. I have visited Mono Lake several other times with my family and friends, and I have so many lovely memories with my loved ones in the quiet and beautiful town of Lee Vining. The serenity and lack of large, obscene buildings is what makes the Mono Basin immaculate and special. While I do love the Mobil and its famous vegetarian chili, I think this infrastructure addition will take away from the character of the town.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

I am afraid the new construction may influence bird migration patterns and be an ecological issue- as major construction does have potential to contaminate groundwater, atmosphere, and interfere with other wildlife as well. Not only that, but the quiet Mono Basin may become visually less serene with a huge building. I like that when I look at the tufa, I don't see any large buildings in the back of my view. Keep it that way, please.

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In conclusion:

Please keep Mono Basin "Clean and Serene". I love Yosemite- but I also love the Gateway to Yosemite, Lee Vining. I want it to remain the same calm and beautiful place I have been visiting for years.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

First of all, I LOVE coming to Lee Vining and Mono Lake. I am So Glad that it is NOT like going to Disneyland, or Fisherman's Wharf (in San Francisco) where I live.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

Housing for workers is great, and being able to make a better living for existing businesses is great too. But there are So Few Places to go where a person can appreciate nature. seriously If you turn this into a To-Do for tourists, who don't care about nature, you will have ruined it.

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In conclusion:

Please keep considering how to improve the project, or downscale it. Riding on the back of a motorcycle with my old dad driving into Yosemite is something I never want to forget. It was So Great that the area was not crowded with tourists who really didn't care.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Very sincerely,

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I want my grand children to see the beauty of the mono basin. Urban sprawl will ruin the area and have an impact to the environment. I love this area.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

Without proper mitigation, this is an at risk effort that needs to be halted.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have always been thankful that the Mobile Mart has been situated as it has - out of sight, but still there to serve the needs of the Lake community and those, such as myself, the visiting crowds. The idea of a number of structures blocking or disrupting the views of the lake is beyond irresponsible. I first saw the lake in 1969 and have loved the fact that it's one of the few places in California that has not been overrun by headstrong development. Please keep Mono Lake the treasure that it is. Do your building north or south of the lake on 395.

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In conclusion:

Remember: once this land is broken it can NEVER be repaired to its natural state.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

As a Californian, a photographer and a lover of the awe that is the Mono Basin, I want to see this area remain pristine and not threatened by the impact this development would have on the land and area.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

I appreciate your time and attention to this matter to ensure the area is not impacted, changed or harmed in any way so future generations of humans, birds and animals can enjoy the area and its habitat.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am Julie Haney and I love the mono basin and want to keep it wild and scenic. The mono basin is a precious resource that should not be developed

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

Please see boxes below

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

With great hope for an environmentally responsible outcome

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Bentley Regehr

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I love the Eastern Sierra and especially the Mono Basin. I have spent 18 of the past summers exploring and always marveling in the relative unspoiled beauty of the area. I hate the thought of the impact this large development will have on the small town of Lee Vining.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

Please exercise extreme caution in approving a project of this size and impact on the beautiful Mono basin.

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Bentley Regehr

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Bentley Regehr

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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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In conclusion:

Mono Lake, the Gateway of Yosemite National Park, the community of Lee Vining, and scenic Mono County deserve a better project design than the one currently proposed.

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Bentley Regehr

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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

As someone who frequents the area, I feel this we shipment is not in character with the surroundings.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

Please consider alternatives which have less impact on the regional viewscape.

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Sent from [The Mono-logue](#)

From: Ann Hardeman <alhyos@aol.com>
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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been visiting the Mono Lake area since the 1990's and am alarmed at what this project will do to the area and its habitat.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

This is an area that is unique in California and deserves to be protected from encroaching development. Please help to retain Mono Lake the treasure it is.

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Sent from The Mono-logue

From: Paul Harrar <paulharrar@copper.net>
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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

The Mono Lake area is special as a unique (on Earth) wilderness and park area. The commercial services need to be minimal and have no impact on the fragile ecosystem.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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Bentley Regehr

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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

We are elderly native Californians, accustomed to enjoying the state's wilderness areas for three generations before us, on foot, horse-back and by car. While we always want to share the profound pleasure of being in the wilderness, we also want to preserve it for future generations.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.

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Sent from [The Mono-logue](#)

From: Mary Harte <melharte@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 7:09 AM
To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Our family values Mono Lake as a unique and beautiful place to enjoy.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- The Final SEIR needs to include project alternatives that reduce the visual and aesthetic impacts to a less than significant level.
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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

I urge that the current proposal be modified and cut back significantly to preserve the inherent beauty and natural health of the Mono Lake ecosystem.

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Sent from [The Mono-logue](#)

From: Kurt Harvey <khphotos@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 5:02 PM
To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I'm 61 and was born & raised in Tuolumne County. My family has been there since the 1800's. Coming over the passes to visit Mono Lake and the surrounding area has always been a major treat. As a youth, it was the high point of my Summer.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

This project as presented is massive and also a massive change to the aesthetics of the area. It will be a scar on the land and visible for miles. It should be downsized and proposals made to minimize the shock to the beautiful landscape.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

Increasing lodging options in Lee Vining is not a bad idea at all but this project as drawn and proposed is most definitely a bad idea.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Best Regards,

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Bentley Regehr

From: William Havrilo <whavrilort@gmail.com>
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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

Categories: Tioga Inn

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My name is William and I live in the City of Riverside. I have serious concerns about this project and what the impacts may be to the area. This area is made special by what is not there, not by what is there. Minimalism and natural beauty is the key to the success of this area. What is not key is more shops and more accommodations for foot traffic that crowds the area. This area should be preserved, not taken advantage of, so that myself and future generations can continue to enjoy this area for many decades to come.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

Please consider a minimalist approach to this project if it is to continue. The natural beauty of this area is what draws people to this special place. Not more shops and a hotel.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- This project should not be visible from South Tufa or Hwy 395 south of the Tioga Pass junction.
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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important manner

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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Bentley Regehr

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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

When I first visited Mono Lake more than 40 years ago, I was struck by its unique and somewhat bizarre landscape. Since then I have returned many times, and I continue to be amazed by this awesome place. Over the years, I have learned more about its geologic history as well as how humans have impacted it in more recent times. This latest proposal is a matter of great concern to me.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

I have viewed images of the proposed project superimposed over current photos, and feel that a number of important issues should be addressed.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

Mono Lake and the surrounding area are truly a unique, wild, and beautiful treasure, and should be preserved and protected accordingly. Once structures are added to the proposed site, the damage will have been done. It is imperative NOT to rush into this project, but instead to study viable alternatives that would mitigate adverse impacts.

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Bentley Regehr

From: Kama Hayes <kamahayes@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a lifetime California resident, and I am a strong supporter of preservation, and responsible development in the right places, and I am against development in areas where it will be harmful to all.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

The Mono Lake basin needs to be cherished and not developed. Period. There is nothing else to say about that - it's plan and simple.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

Please consider the harmful nature of this development and prevent it from happening.

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Sent from [The Mono-logue](#)

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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been a frequent visitor to the Lee Vining area for over 60 years - my parents honeymooned there in 1945! I think the Tioga Inn Project would be a disaster and would forever change the entire area, not in a good way. It would seriously impact tourism, the serenity of Mono Lake and just the general beauty of this place. And for workforce housing? Seriously?

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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travelers and Mono Lake visitors every day. All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

In conclusion:

With the current administration in Washington and their extremely wealthy donors trying so hard to destroy our environment and our very way of life, I would hope that Mono County would resist becoming part of it. It's NOT all about money. Please don't allow the greed of a few destroy something that the majority loves, needs and enjoys.

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Sent from [The Mono-logue](#)

Michael Draper

From: Robert Haynes <borderlinepro@live.com>
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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I live in Minden and have spent summers in Lee Vining for the past 15 years.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

I urge you to consider all the factors in making this decision which will affect the future of Lee Vining and Mono Lake.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Since I moved to Yosemite National Park, Mono Lake and Mono county have always been a place of retrieve for me, away from all the development, crowds and noise.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

I am afraid of overdeveloping the Mono lake scenery, it is something that should be preserved in its current state. Not turned into another Tahoe.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

Please reconsider the development of this scenic wonder. The view shed of Mono Lake does not belong to one business or person but to all members of humanity.

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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

For more than 50 years I have had the good fortune to enjoy the scenic beauty and the geologic and cultural history of Mono lake. I've shared it with my children and grandchildren. I hope they can share it with their children and grandchildren.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

If the visual impacts and hard to the darkness of the night sky of this project can't be mitigated, the project should not proceed.

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Bentley Regehr

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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

The Mono Basin has given me more than I can ever give back, in forms of beauty, solitude, and inspiration. This project would undoubtedly detract from the serenity of the natural area and have negative impacts on the environment and human community.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

This project would involve the destruction of a significant area of the Mono Basin-- a sensitive and highly important ecological area that provides habitat for over 3 million birds and other animals annually. It would detract from the simplicity and beauty of the area as well. This project is frankly unnecessary, and arguments that it would improve the economy are minor and do not justify the destruction it would cause.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- The Final SEIR needs to include project alternatives that reduce the visual and aesthetic impacts to a less than significant level.

- This project should not be visible from South Tufa or Hwy 395 south of the Tioga Pass junction.
- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.
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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

Please reconsider the construction of this project. The sensitive, unique, and beautiful ecology of the Mono Basin is incredibly important to me, countless community members, and the wildlife that live there.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Sincerely,

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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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I am an alumni (Intern in 1997 and ADORE the Mon Basin)

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In conclusion:

All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Sincerely,

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Bentley Regehr

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a Mono County resident and teacher, living in Bridgeport. I spend a great deal of time hiking, camping and backpacking here. I also bring my students to Mono Lake and the surrounding mountains to learn about our rich environment, and how to care for it.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

I am deeply concerned about the lack of concern for preserving our greatest resource, this amazing natural environment, including our wildlife, expansive natural views, lakes and streams. This is one of our countries treasures, and should be treated as such.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

This magnificent place deserves to be treated with more thoughtful consideration. Please take the time and care to keep it beautiful for future generations.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Sincerely,

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From: Michael Henderson <michaelhenderson@hotmail.com>
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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Significant, unavoidable adverse impacts are absolutely unacceptable! Public opinions on alternatives must be considered. This should be an initiative to be voted on publicly.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

This plan is inherently flawed, as inadequately considers impacts on wildlife, surrounding land and environment.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

Public comments must be heard and addressed. This land is OUR land!

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

The Mobil in Lee Vining is my favorite place in the world. The natural beauty from that vista point is unparalleled. It would be a tremendous shame if a large building was put up in that area as it would change the nature of a location that is dear to so many peoples hearts, not to mention the damage it would inflict on the local wildlife and nature.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

The project does not lay out alternatives and suggestions that could alleviate the damage that will be done to this area. For that reason, this proposition is unallowable.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

The building of this structure will make a once beautiful and special place into the opposite. I urge you to build elsewhere; I urge you to keep this place special, to avoid displacing deer and other wildlife, and to respect the wishes of mono county residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Sincerely,

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From: Davis Hershey <dhrwc5514-mono@yahoo.com>
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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been visiting Mono Lake and the surrounding area since I moved to California nearly fifty years ago. Mono Lake's unique beauty and innumerable recreational opportunities have attracted me for decades.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- The Final SEIR needs to include project alternatives that reduce the visual and aesthetic impacts to a less than significant level.
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In conclusion:

I hope Mono County will take the adverse effects of this project and the inadequacies of the current proposal and require appropriate revisions to mitigate the negative effects of this project.

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Michael Draper

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Subject: Tioga Pass

Categories: Tioga Inn

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Michael Draper,

I strongly oppose the upcoming plans for the Tioga Gas Mart Expansion in the pristine gateway to Yosemite. This area is beloved for its scenic views, as a home for wildlife, a haven for people from around world to come and feel calm and peace, to backpack, hike, and enjoy the dwindling natural places we have left in America. Not only would this be a threat to all of that, but it would also be an incredible blow to the economy for the local towns, specifically Lee Vining. This corporation doesn't care about or know the workings of this special place. They should not be the ones to be stewarding business in this fragile area. It would mean loss of jobs and financial stability for much of the local community.

There is so much damage to be done to this fragile, beloved, treasure of the Eastern Sierra from this corporate expansion. The local community, the wildlife, the birds, the plants, the views, and the sanctuary of this place to so many depends on it not happening.

Save what makes this place special!

Thank you for your time,
Rachel Heydorn

Bentley Regehr

From: Charles Hibbard <silashibb@earthlink.net>
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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

A San Franciscan for many years, I've been visiting Mono Lake every summer for something like 30 years, camping in the vicinity and enjoying the fine and unpretentious services in Lee Vining.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

Part of what makes the place special is the relative absence of human impact, which helps preserve the beauty of the scenery and the uncanny darkness of the night sky. These essentials will obviously be severely and negatively impacted by the proposed project.

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In conclusion:

I've happily returned year after year because of the unchanging beauty of the environment, the lack of crowding, the peace and quiet, the chance to get away from urban influences, and the incomparable beauty of the night sky. It's heartbreaking to think this project would change all that. If this project must be built (and must it, really?), please find better, less intrusive ways to do it.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Sincerely

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I live here in the eastern sierra just past the north end of Mono County. I have spent my lifetime traveling up and down the eastern sierra and have a keen understanding of the impact of doubling the size of a town (or more -> Mammoth).

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

My concerns are many.

1. Traffic at the 395/120 intersection is going to be problematic. Will 395 be widened to allow a merge lane when turning left from 120 onto 395?
2. There is rarely any extended time period where there are no rooms available in Lee Vining. And if there are no rooms, folks can easily head to Bridgeport or June Lake. This could significantly impact those with existing business - both dining and lodging.
3. Dark skies - even though the correct lighting fixtures are in the plan that doesn't address car lights of 150+ vehicle headlamps shining every which direction, front porch and interior lights in the residential area. The existing lights in Lee Vining are significant as seen from South Tufa.
4. Do they REALLY need 100 PLUS Households to support 120 room hotel and restaurant? I would think that is overkill. I'm not in the hospitality business but can walk through any mid-sized hotel and see probably 6 people working each floor (2 for this proposed hotel) so a total of 12 housekeeping staff (maybe 15). Then the restaurant will likely have no more than 20 total staff for it to successfully operate throughout the year. We're at 40

people now. That is a far cry from the 100+ rooms being sought. I do see there is an expectation for job/population growth in Lee Vining in the near future. However, over 50% of the residents make between \$20,000-\$30,000. I am concerned that they will be priced out of the housing availability.

PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS BECOME ANOTHER MAMMOTH. HWY 395 IS NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED IN THE WINTER SO IF ANY OF THESE RESIDENCES ARE FOR MAMMOTH THAT IS A RECIPE FOR DISASTER. LET MAMMOTH TAKE CARE OF THEM.

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In conclusion:

I love the quaintness of Lee Vining. It would be a shame to lose that special quality for its residents and visitors alike. Let's not make it Disneyland. Let's keep its unique character and not have this be a money grab. There is enough of that going on already.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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From: Joy Higgins <jhmomcat@sti.net>
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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My family and I have been frequent visitors to the Mono Lake area since the late 1970's. It is my son's sons go-to place several times each year.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

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In conclusion:

Please reconsider.....we are heartsick.

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From: Joanne Hilker <jhmisc421@gmail.com>
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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Name

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Sent from [The Mono-logue](#)

From: Virginia Hilker <billnenebiz@gmail.com>
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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I've been visiting Lee Vining annually for decades.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.
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In conclusion:

Thank you

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Sincerely

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Bentley Regehr

From: Heather Hill <heather_hill@comcast.net>
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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a frequent visitor to the area and would hate to see the natural beauty of the area diminish in any way.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

It seems that this area is under constant threat from either water hungry communities or developers. This area has been under attack almost to the point of no return and without adequate alternatives, this could happen again.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.

In conclusion:

Please act responsibly in creating this project.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

As a longtime advocate for the Eastern Sierra and Mono Lake, I have several concerns.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

Although I currently live in Arizona, I am a native Californian and visit Mono Lake and the Eastern Sierra every Summer and Fall.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Sincerely,

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Sent from [The Mono-logue](#)

From: Jane Hirshfield <JHPAC@PACBELL.NET>
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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I care about this because the Mono Basin's beauty and wildness have drawn me -- and countless others -- to the area for an escape from over-developed urban areas. We could go elsewhere, if the essential quality of the area changes.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- The Final SEIR needs to include project alternatives that reduce the visual and aesthetic impacts to a less than significant level.
- This project should not be visible from South Tufa or Hwy 395 south of the Tioga Pass junction.
- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.
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travelers and Mono Lake visitors every day. All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

I ask that you take this back to drawing board, and devise needed housing in a way that has less impact on the reason the housing is needed.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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Bentley Regehr

From: Carol Hirth <chirth@mac.com>
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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Mono Lake and the surrounding area is a unique landscape and water feature that must be protected and preserved from development that is destructive and threatening.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

The plans for expansion of the Tioga Inn do not properly and fully consider the damaging impact this will have on the area, for people, for wildlife, for habitat.

In conclusion:

Thank you for reconsidering and improving the plans for expansion.

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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have enjoyed visiting the Mono Lake Basin area my whole life. Its isolation and delicate ecosystems are part of its beauty.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

Adding housing for a workforce to serve a non existent hotel that should never be built is irresponsible and wasteful and destructive.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

This project is unnecessary and will adversely affect community members, visitors, and wildlife.

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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I first saw Mono Lake in 1963 as a young person. I started visiting Mono Lake and surrounding areas on a regular basis in 1974 with my children. Since then I have added grandchildren to my list of people I have introduced to this unique area. The Mono Lake basin needs to be preserved as much as possible from any large projects that will negatively impact it. As part of my concern I chose to become a member of the Mono Lake Committee starting in the 1990's. I support their actions, mission, and philosophies.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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Bentley Regehr

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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

I'm a Mono county resident, and visit Lee Vining/Mono Lake very frequently. I'm also a member of Mono Lake Committee and support their position on the draft.

In conclusion:

I strongly support the building of affordable workforce housing if it can be done in a way respects the environment and community concerns.

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Bentley Regehr

From: James Hollibaugh <nowayjose@excite.com>
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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

This development is an unacceptable encroachment on one of the most scenic areas remaining in the United States, let alone California. While I appreciate the need to provide affordable housing for Yosemite Park workers, this is not the place to do it. Among other things, snow in Tioga Pass will limit access to the Park for months at a time. This development should be sited on the other side of the pass. Or if there is some other compelling reason for having it in the Lee Vining area, then put it in June Lake where 1) there is already extensive development and 2) it is not visible from Highway 395 or the Mono Basin.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- This project should not be visible from South Tufa or Hwy 395 south of the Tioga Pass junction.

In conclusion:

Put the project somewhere elsewhere.

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Bentley Regehr

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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Bentley Regehr

From: Evelyn Howard <44evelyn@gmail.com>
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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I love to visit the East Side of the Sierra from our home in Fresno/Clovis, CA. We try to get over there at least once a year. We consider it a "Soul Spot". The isolation and loneliness feeds our soul. We need it at least once a year in order to feel whole and healthy.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

The visual impacts of this project are disturbing, especially being able to view it from South Tufa. That is a huge impact on the pristine area. The view towards the Sierra Mountains from the lake, from Panum Crater, from East Highway 120 will be forever marred.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
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junction.

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In conclusion:

I suppose the project will still take place, even though I would prefer that it not. I can hope that at least the expected impacts will be mitigated.

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From: Lawrence R Howard Howard <forester1942@gmail.com>
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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been visiting Mono Lake for the past 20+ years. It is my soul place to go and reflect on the beauty of this lovely country. The proposed project will significantly detract from the peace and tranquility of the area.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

Please consider my above concerns. I really hope that you will keep the Mono Lake Basin in its beautiful tranquil state and not develop it to become just another tourist mecca.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Sincerely

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Sent from [The Mono-Jogger](#)

From: Heidi Howell <heidihowell44@gmail.com>
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To: Michael Draper
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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

This project will have a huge impact on the visual wilderness experience for visitors to this area. It is entirely too big.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

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Sent from [The Mono-logue](#)

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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Hope all of the decision makers are fully aware of the disaster they are proposing for this unique area. This is not progress for this wilderness area

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

Where are all the millions of gallons of water coming from? Perhaps there is an open site in Yosemite that is not so visible.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

Do not approve any development at Mono Lake Basin. This is an assault on all of us that value wild areas.

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From: Dr. Forest Huang <forest2005@gmail.com>
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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I live in Bay Area. But i've brought different family members to mono lakes area four times. It is one of my favorite places in the whole country. Every time we ate at the gas station restaurant.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

I'd like to see the mono lake area to remain unchanged as much as possible.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Thanks,

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Bentley Regehr

From: Karen Hubble <kchubble@comcast.net>
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To: Michael Draper
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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My family has spent time at Mono lake over three generations marveling at the tranquility and natural beauty of the area. We have supported the survival of Mono and the restoration of its water level by contributing to the Mono Lake organization.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

Building a facility of this size will only create more traffic and congestion, jeopardizing the natural environment. The night skies will be compromised and this will profoundly alter the migration of birds.

In conclusion:

I ask that this project be reconsidered and every effort be taken to preserve this precious and environmentally sensitive area.

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From: Mary Ann Huckabay <huckabay@synth.org>
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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I, and several generations of my family have been coming to Mono Lake and the Eastern Sierra since 1947 and I care deeply about preserving the wild open terrain with as little human impact as possible.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Yours,

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Bentley Regehr

From: Brendan Hughes <hugajoshuatree@gmail.com>
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Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I've visited the area many times over the years and have a commitment to maintaining those few remaining accessible wilderness experiences we have in this country. Please don't take yet another beautiful spot and turn it to industrialized wasteland.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

The project will decimate the natural value of the area and heavily degrade the ability for people to experience and appreciate this unique area.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

There are plentiful alternatives to large scale energy projects such as this. This is unnecessary development that will destroy a valuable natural asset not just for locals but for potential visitors from around the world.

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Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Paul Hunrichs

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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a frequent visitor and a former resident of mammoth lakes. I still own a second home in mammoth. I do not endorse the planned mono lodge. It is a fragile eco system which has become a rarity in California. The influx of visitors would have a dramatic effect on the mono environment.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

Please do not approve and go forward with the planned resort. Plenty of time fo think of a better more eco focused option.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My name is Chloe Isaacs and I am writing not only as a visitor to the Mono Basin, but also as a seasonal employee in the area. Although I have not been here as long as some other people, I have truly fallen in love with the area and appreciate its place in the Sierra Nevada. The small town atmosphere, the easily accessible natural areas, and the incredibly kind townspeople all contribute to make Lee Vining and the Mono Basin stand out from other towns on Highway 395.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

I have a series of specific concerns about this project. First and foremost, I believe it should be taken into account that many people move to Lee Vining for the sole purpose of living a quiet life in a place of true natural beauty. This life would be severely disrupted should this building project go through, specifically because of the resulting light pollution, drain on emergency services efficiency, and the resulting road-related danger that comes from a huge influx of new drivers into an already crowded area.

The vast majority of people who I speak to on a daily basis come to the area because of its astounding natural beauty, which of course would be threatened should this building plan go through. I believe that the community of Lee Vining would also suffer greatly in the long run. Some people believe that building more housing in the area would be beneficial to Lee Vining's town, but I disagree. I believe that it would deter many visitors from coming to the area. Visitors who, like many others before them, wish to come to the town

for astrophotography purposes and to spend a few quiet days on the outskirts of Yosemite National Park.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- The Final SEIR needs to include project alternatives that reduce the visual and aesthetic impacts to a less than significant level.
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In conclusion:

Mono Lake has found a special place in my heart. Not only are the people who live in the area incredibly kind and environmentally-conscious, but the natural beauty of the area is truly magnificent. Thousands of people come here for astrophotography reasons, since there is barely any light pollution in the area, especially down by the South Tufa area. This would change if the building/housing plan went forward, even if certain mitigation measures were taken, such as by implementing low-light floodlights by the new buildings. If this project were to go forward, I believe that it would take away the essence of Lee Vining and severely detract from the overall wonder that is the Mono Basin.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a retired marine biologist and a professional photographer. My career as a biologist is based on environmental protection and assessment of human impact on the environment.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

As a Native American I am concerned about the impacts that such a project might have and how it may take us backwards to the days when gold brought severe negative changes to this unique and important environment. I would like to see more information on the assessment of impacts prior to construction.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
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junction.

- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.
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In conclusion:

I would like to see more defined studies and information concerning the impact of this project on wildlife, water, and over population of the Lee Vining area.

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Bentley Regehr

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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

As a 40 year member of Mono Lake Committee, I come to Yosemite through Mono Lake and Lee Vining nearly every year. I've only missed 2017, when I went to eastern Oregon to watch the solar eclipse in totality and 2018 because fires and smoke caused unacceptable viewing and breathing impacts.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

Thoughtful provisions to 'hide' the buildings from the viewshed and to absolutely minimize the impacts on dark sky night viewing are essential to me. Maximum water conservation, best practice stormwater management and native plantings that support native wildlife and pollinators should be mandatory. Fire Wise and other fire resistant construction and landscaping methods should be required. Aim for net zero energy use in construction.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

This project must be amended to respond to local concerns to minimize its visibility from the highway, the impact on night skies, blending in with building colors, landscaping requirements to match natural local systems and support wildlife, as well as meet strict FireWise construction design.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Sincerely, Kate Jackson

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Bentley Regehr

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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

Categories: Tioga Inn

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Even though I live over 300 miles from Mono Lake, as a professional photographer and lover of natural places, I have made the drive to visit and photograph this amazing, special place more than 50 times over the past 35 years, enjoying its scenic beauty, tranquility, birds, wildlife and community. I fell in love with this area the first time I visited and instantly became a volunteer for the Mono Lake Committee in their initial grassroots efforts to preserve and restore the area in its nature form.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

The proposed project would forever alter the visual beauty and tranquility of the area, both during the daytime and nighttime. Having inappropriate, large man-made structures as part of the natural environment would seriously compromise the natural beauty for all. In addition to the visual impairment caused by the buildings, the evening and dark sky nights would be seriously compromised by the lights from the development.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

Please help preserve the natural beauty and wildness of the amazing, unique place.

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Bentley Regehr

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Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My husband and I have visited this very special site a few thousand me and would not want it spoiled by thoughtless development. Please leave this special place as is for us and future visitors

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

To the Mono County Community Development Department:

I have visited Lee Vining and Tioga Pass nearly every year since 1978. My PhD thesis in Botany dealt with the changes in vegetation along the elevational gradient from Lee Vining to the alpine zone in the Hall Natural Area.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

I am saddened to hear of the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated plan amendment. These buildings and parking lots will interfere with the beautiful and unique landscape between the High Sierra and Mono Lake. There is no reason why this wild landscape should be contaminated with commercial development that resembles so much of the Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay basins.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

Please consider the long-term future and conservation of this unique area and avoid the 'sprawl' type design of the current plan.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been visiting the Mono Lake Basin for over 20 years as a nature enthusiast, birder, hiker, and photographer. Part of why I continue to come back to the Mono Lake Basin is its unique offering of solitude, tranquility, biological diversity, and intact and uninterrupted natural landscapes. These features are what makes the Mono Lake Basin so special and irreplaceable. The Mono Lake Basin will be a place I will continue to bring my family to for the rest of my life. I want my children to experience and care for these same landscapes and share in the same peace and wonder they offer today.

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In conclusion:

I hope you will seriously consider these concerns and take the necessary actions to preserve the fragile and irreplaceable natural splendor of the Mono Lake Basin for current and future visitors.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a very concerned and frequent visitor to the Mono Lake/ Lee Vining area.

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In conclusion:

Please present alternatives.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I've traveled 395 for over 60 years and the special serene and open spaces and small local businesses with small town feel are the reason I stay there instead of in Bishop which has become way to bustling and big.....Mono is for quiet reflection and de- compression from our daily lives. Leave it alone. It does not need anymore motels or gas stations them are there now.... please.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

I am certain in addition to the human population it would affect the animals and plants..... I'm not looking forward to seeing seagulls digging in the dumpsters at the gas station. The project will also bring in a workforce without an education or emotional attachment to the basin. I have thought for years I might retire to the area..... but only if it remains as it is.

In conclusion:

Be responsible... be respectful of the earth..... Mono is a sacred place. What is our really bottom line?

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I discovered Mono Lake back in 2010 on a road trip to Mammoth and Yosemite. It's a magical place and I hate to see the views marred by construction and light pollution.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

This is just not a good idea overall. If they are going to go through with it, then maybe it can be made to look like a giant tufa formation off in the distance.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Dear MCCDD Members,

I have been appreciating and supporting
Efforts with Mono Lake for years.

With regards to adverse effects on Mono Lake

I feel that that size of the Mobil Mart

Expansion project is out of scale. It could work, but NOT in an area that has such
scenic

and important ecological significance.

I feel it represents a huge impact against
so much of what the Mono basin, and Mono Lake
Represent. Years of hard work, and sacrifices
Went into getting to where Mono Lake, and the
Surrounding area are today. Why would we want
To enable a huge project, who's planners don't
Feel the same?

In such a sensitive environment we need to
Take a very careful look at any and all proposed projects.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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I am a frequent visitor to the area, I am very concerned about light pollution and the impact on dark skies - one of the last true dark skies in the United States.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

I am concerned about the impact of light pollution from this project - follow the lead of Flagstaff and Phoenix, AZ and make sure that lighting is minimal, switched off at night, and the correct LED temperature. All lighting should be dark sky-friendly and protect one of the last dark skies in the United States. Any negative impact to local wildlife is not acceptable.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

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From: Laurelle Johnson <innerwealth@msn.com>
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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a life long traveler of the 395HWY. I revel in every vista and mountain and lake that has NO PEOPLE living there or here or everywhere. I know I have a place to go experience the silence and darkness of Mono Lake.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

As California becomes more and more populated, it is key to our sanity as citizens to hold dear places that will allow us a respite from overcrowding and city life. This project will do just that - bring the city to the empty spaces. NOT GOOD.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

I do believe a battle was fought long and hard to preserve Mono Lake, it's basin and environs. I do wish the committee would take a long trip into San Francisco or Los Angeles and see the impact of too many people in too small a space. Don't just visit - live there for a few weeks. What you walk away with should be the realization that land near Mono SHOULD NOT be developed for any reason. If you need revenues, ask for an entrance fee to Mono Lake. a simple \$5 per person, with someone there to collect for real, not just a honor system envelope, you will raise the monies needed to fund your county.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been coming to the Mono Lake area for over 45 years to enjoy the beauty and solace of the lake area and the open space surrounding it.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I'm a graduate of Mammoth High School and have spent a lot of time in the Lee Vining area growing up and now with my family.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

Please reconsider.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My name is Renee Jones, from San Jose, CA. I have been coming to the Mono Basin since 1974, all seasons of the year. Since the early days of the Mono Lake Committee, the path through the courts to save the lake and surrounding watershed, I have been a passionate supporter of the lake. I'm shocked and appalled at this plan being rammed through for an enormous building project, which will have a tremendously bad impact on the area.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

While I understand the need for housing, this is an awful plan, from environmental, esthetic, visual, standpoints. More time is needed to study and come up with a plan that impacts the area less.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

Just because there was approval for a plan previously, this developer ramming through more building and impact on the coat tails of the approved plan is TERRIBLE. Unethical. Wrong.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am writing this letter on behalf of my family (me, my husband and our five year old son), we are based in San Diego, CA. I work as a Scientist for a global analytics company and my husband is a small business owner.

My husband and I started visiting Mono lake area about 8 years ago and absolutely fell in love with the landscape and the rich geology of this region. Since then we have returned every year to enjoy and appreciate the quiet beauty of the mountains. When our son was born we couldn't wait to introduce him to this place. We are raising our son to appreciate nature and wildlife and often camp remotely in Inyo and Toiyabe national forests. We really enjoy the dark night sky and the less traveled landscape of the Eastern Sierras. My husband is a night photography enthusiast and has won awards for his photography of the Eastern Sierras.

We were quite disappointed to learn about the proposed development plan for the Tioga Inn Project. The proposed project would significantly impact the landscape around Mono Lake and would sour the experience for nature-lovers trying to enjoy the beauty not just of Mono Lake and the surrounding regions (which would also be impacted by the light pollution).

To be fair, we do understand the need for Mobil Mart/Tioga Inn expansion. We are patrons and have enjoyed many nice meals there as a family. Our hope is that the expansion plan takes into account the landscape and aesthetic beauty of the region and carefully planned to minimize the environmental and aesthetic impact to the region.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

I hope that the above outlined concerns are addressed by the Mono County and clear steps are taken to mitigate the visual and environmental impact on the region.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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I have treasured the opportunities to visit the east side of the Sierras and to enjoy the quiet unspoiled beauty near Mono Lake.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I've been coming to Lee Vining for over fifty years -- it's one of my favorite places in the world. Sometimes we just stop by on the way to Death Valley, but more often Lee Vining is our real destination. I've also been a regular supporter of the Mono Lake Committee since its inception.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

Over the years, I've watched the area grow and attract more tourists. It's a mixed blessing, for sure. I'm of course happy to share the area with all those people who have discovered it more recently -- but it has changed greatly, from the simple little town I discovered in 1968 to the visitor draw it has become.

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In conclusion:

At present, Lee Vining fits into its magnificent setting -- from the tufas to the mountaintops -- without detracting from it. I hope this will remain true.

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I moved to Mammoth Lakes in 1990 from Moku o Keawe (Hawaii Island) because it's beautiful. I understand how John Muir must have felt about the sacredness of this land and sadness of the urban sprawl encroaching the Sierra Nevada.

There's not enough justification to add more lodging on that corridor to desecrate. Will it be an overflow of more traffic to accommodate the ski area during the winter? What about the wild animal habitat?

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In conclusion:

As Protectors of the land supported by scientific proof of global warming a project of this size must be avoided. Instead let's fix up existing infrastructure, plant more gardens and trees.

Mahalo,
Leina'ala

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Our family has travelled annually to the Mono Lake basin area from Seattle for over 30 years. We appreciate the unique raw beauty of the Owens Valley and Mono Lake County. A Tioga Inn expansion would severely impact the Mono Lake area for future generations who love and appreciate it.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My name is Lisa Kamieniecki, from Oakland CA. Please respect Enviromental impact restrictions from mono lake committee.
thank you.

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for the planet, lets not crowd this together.

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In conclusion:

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have spent many years both playing and working in the Mono basin. Like many users, the aesthetic value of this particular location is important to me.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Mono Lake and the surrounding areas of Bridgeport and Mono Village at Twin Lakes have been my family's summer vacation spot for over 40 years. We are from the LA area and love that we can escape to a less populated area for the summer to get in tune with nature. Stargazing, hikes, and the beauty of the wilderness are more important than any building project that's being considered.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

The action I'd like taken is to NOT build. Light pollution has damaged the night sky in the San Diego area and remediating it has been a process. I would hate to see a domino effect of one building after another pop up once this project is allowed. There's something magical about the night sky. Let the Mono basin remain magical.

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In conclusion:

Developers always get their foot in the door and then push their way into taking more and more. I'm concerned about the safety of the wildlife, light pollution and the demolition of the beautiful scenery that encompasses the basin. I'd hate to see corporate greed set up shop. I just want to see the Sierras. Leave them be!

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a frequent visitor to Mono County, spending winter's visiting Mammoth Lakes and summers at June Lake. I am a supporter of the Mono Lake committee and am dedicated to preserving the natural beauty of the area. Moreover, I am concerned the Tioga Inn Project will adversely impact the beauty of the Lee Vining area.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

Light pollution, reducing the natural landscape and attracting more overnight travelers to an already vibrant but stable community are concerns I have.

In conclusion:

I would like to maintain the beauty, peacefulness and lifestyle of Lee Vining.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Please, reconsider what you all are doing to a very special and sacred place ! My family and freinds cannot believe this !!! \$\$\$

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

This is completely INSANE !

In conclusion:

Ruin prestine land and views for the mighty \$ WHY !!!

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a long time supporter of the unique and beautiful Mono Lake Basin and over the years have have watched the changes brought about after the reining in of the Los Angeles water departments debradations.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

The Tioga Inn project is definitely a step backwards, particularly in its present form, which takes little or no heed of its visual impact or improve the aesthetics.

In conclusion:

Once built this project will remain a blot on the landscape and open the door to future ill advised attempts to improve upon nature and urbanize the area.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a frequent visitor to the area and enjoy the scenic vistas, night skies and ecological features of the Mono Basin. I always stop at the county park for a walk on the boardwalk to view water levels, wildflowers, birds and vistas. I also enjoy walking along Rush Creek and frequenting Lee Vining businesses.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

Please consider alternatives to reduce the visual impacts, including preserving night sky. Also, the document should outline additional alternatives to protect wildlife especially deer migration corridors and habitat. Lastly, sewage treatment should be required such that increases in nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations in groundwater are kept to a minimum and managed so that increases in nutrient loading to streams and Mono Lake do not occur.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- The Final SEIR needs to include project alternatives that reduce the visual and aesthetic impacts to a less than significant level.
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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

This project must be designed with additional measures to ensure the environment and the scenic qualities of the Mono Basin are protected. Please consider and commit to additional mitigation measures for this project.

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From: Anthony Kent <pasotony@charter.net>
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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My wife and I are frequent visitors to the area. We enjoy the magnificent views of the Sierras from various places around Mono Lake.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

The proposed project is totally out of character for the Mono Basin.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am an active landscape photographer specializing in the Eastern Sierra. My love of this area is based on the wide-open scenes that cannot be replaced once they are disturbed.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

In doing the research on this project, while the goals of worker housing are awesome it ignored any attempt of mitigation of the disruption of the delicate wild beauty that brings thousands of visitors to the area.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is

no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

In conclusion:

Before we permanently alter the key component of why people visit the area can we work with the developer to provide better integration with the environment so the visual beauty of the location is not permanently destroyed.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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To: Michael Draper
Subject: Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a resident of California living near Fresno. I have been visiting Mono Lake area for the past 25 years and am saddened to hear of this plan to add a large facility to such a unique and sensitive area.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

Please carefully consider the long term consequences of this project on the environment and community. I urge you to deny permitting

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the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.

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Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a college student at UC Santa Cruz, and am currently studying environmental studies there. The Mono Basin is an extraordinary place for anyone to be apart of and to visit. But it additionally holds special ecological and biological value. This place has impacted my love of our earth in a major way, and this project will most certainly negatively impact the surrounding areas and community.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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In conclusion:

Please understand that this project will significantly change the way Lee Vining feels as a small town, and how it operates. Many people do not want this project to continue, including me. Take note of that and how this project will negatively moral and the sense of community that is already here.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Sincerely,

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With all the development going on, there are sacred places that just shouldn't be touched for future generations. Seems there are other areas in Mammoth, which is already over-developed, that can be used.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Hello, my name is Jaimi Kilcrease, I was born and raised in the San Joaquin Central Valley. I spent many family vacations and short trips in the Mono Lake area. It is a part of who I am. I would hate to see development take place that would in any way alter this beautiful land and the experience that it offers. I am against the new expansio.

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Mono Lake and the eastern Sierras have been our family's second home for more 30 years. My wife and I have been members of the Mono Lake Committee since 1994. We have backpacked, hiked, fished, kayaked and toured most of the basin. Therefore we are intimately familiar with the unique aesthetic and environmental attributes of this site and more than qualified to provide comments on the proposed project's impact to the local environment.

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In conclusion:

As an experienced public sector land use professional it is obvious the draft EIR is woefully inadequate and subject to legal challenge. The County and the applicant would benefit by sitting down now with all the stakeholders to possibly forgo a long and expensive legal battle.

Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

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From: Kathie Kinzie <kkz@pacific.net>
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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I spend 2 months every year in Mono County, very much valuing the incomparable scenic beauty and rare habitat. I am concerned that the project as planned will degrade both of these.

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From: Tyler Kinzler <tykinzler@gmail.com>
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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My name is Tyler and I have lived off and on in the area. Mono county is very near and dear to my heart.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Since childhood, I have enjoyed the pristine vistas and purity of nature and wildlife to be both seen and felt in this area. I feel it is everyone's duty to protect and conserve this sacred, natural place.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I and my family have made many trips to the Mono Basin; for photography, including night photography, birding, hiking and general scenic touring.

Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.

I am specifically concerned with the light pollution and visual impacts which are inherent in the project. All of Lee Vining and surrounding areas would be best served by designation as a dark sky city such as Flagstaff, Arizona.

My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:

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From: Patti Kjonaas <pattikjonaas@gmail.com>
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To: Michael Draper
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To: Michael Draper

I strongly oppose the upcoming plans for the Tioga Gas Mart Expansion in the pristine gateway to Yosemite. This area is beloved for its scenic views, as a home for wildlife, a haven for people from around the world to come and feel calm and peace, to backpack, hike, and enjoy the dwindling natural places we have left in America. Not only would this be a threat to all of that, but it would also be an incredible blow to the economy for the local towns, specifically Lee Vining. This corporation doesn't care about or know the workings of this special place. They should not be the ones to be stewarding business in this fragile area. It would mean loss of jobs and financial stability for much of the local community.

There is so much damage to be done to this fragile, beloved, treasure of the Eastern Sierra from this corporate expansion. The local community, the wildlife, the birds, the plants, the views, and the sanctuary of this place to so many depend upon on it not happening.

Save what makes this place special!

Thank you for your time,

Patti Kjonaas

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## Bentley Regehr

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**From:** Patricia Klaasen <pklaasen@juno.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 18, 2019 11:21 AM  
**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**From:** Kimberly Klein <KIM@KLEINANDROTH.COM>  
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**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

There are undoubtedly environmentally sensitive ways to build workforce housing.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.
- Mono Lake, the Gateway of Yosemite National Park, the community of Lee Vining, and scenic Mono County deserve a better project design than the one currently proposed.
- The previously approved hotel and restaurant already received special Mono County approval to create permanent adverse visual impacts. Now the proponent seeks to expand the project and create significant new visual impacts that will affect highway travelers and Mono Lake visitors every day. All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

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**From:** Susan Kleinman <susan@skwallis.com>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a former Lee Vining resident and a frequent visitor to the Mono Basin with my family. I recognize how badly workforce housing is needed and I know there is a better way to do it than the proposed plan, which would permanently mar the landscape and adversely affect tourist experiences of this unique and treasured place.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- The Final SEIR needs to include project alternatives that reduce the visual and aesthetic impacts to a less than significant level.
- The previously approved hotel and restaurant already received special Mono County approval to create permanent adverse visual impacts. Now the proponent seeks to expand the project and create significant new visual impacts that will affect highway travelers and Mono Lake visitors every day. All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

**In conclusion:**

I urge you to work with the planners to develop a workforce housing plan that will not have a dramatically negative impact on the Mono Basin landscape for both residents and tourists.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Warm regards,

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**To:** Michael Draper  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Mono Lake is an incredibly special place, and it holds a dear part of my heart. It, and the natural world surrounding it, is a thing of beauty like no other, and is loved and cherished by many.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.
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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is



no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

I would hope that the current plans are thought through again before being put into effect.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Sincerely

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**From:** William Kline <wekpub@gmail.com>  
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- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- This project should not be visible from South Tufa or Hwy 395 south of the Tioga Pass junction.
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## **Bentley Regehr**

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**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I always look forward to visiting the gorgeous eastern Sierras and Mono Lake is one of my favorite places to take in the scenery. I know exactly the location for this proposed building and I can't possibly imagine this hideous structure at such a gorgeous and iconic spot.

**In conclusion:**

I am counting on you to take a leadership stance in protecting this renowned view shed.

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

I have been coming to the Mono Basin for many years for the available outdoor activities (hiking, biking, photography) without the crush of humanity that large visitor accommodations and their advertising create. I believe that the planned development will destroy many aspects of the small-community nature of the Lee Vining area.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

One particular activity that attracts me to the local area is night-sky photography at Mono Lake. A large development at the Tioga Road junction will destroy the dark-sky environment enjoyed by me and many other photographers/visitors to the area.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
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junction.

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

This project will degrade the small-community nature of the Lee Vining/Mono Basin area and make it less attractive to visit for many of the people who currently enjoy the area. For example, a big, advertised facility often attracts visitors who crowd places of interest with no consideration of others and make no effort to preserve what they come to see.

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

As a frequent visitor to Mono Lake and an appreciative attendee of classes hosted by the Mono Lake Committee, I'm concerned about the proposed development and wish to express my opposition.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

There are several specific concerns listed below.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

The unique nature of the land makes this a precious resource that will be destroyed if this project goes through.

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**To:** Michael Draper  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been a friend of Mono Lake since I lived in California in the late 1970s. I have followed the lake's progress toward recovery from water diversions ever since.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

Buildings last 30-50 years and we don't want to them to have an adverse impact on the visual tourism values of the lake.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- This project should not be visible from South Tufa or Hwy 395 south of the Tioga Pass junction.
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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

Investing time to make sure this project is done right so we won't regret its impact for the next 30-50 years is important. We all want Mono Lake to continue to be the scenic gem it has been.

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**From:** Judith Kondo <jpkondo@sbcglobal.net>  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I recently had the chance to spend a week at Mono Lake. It's pristine beauty and views free of development are jewels it would be well to protect. That's why people come there.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**In conclusion:**

Please move slowly and with deep consideration for these issues before approving more development.

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**In conclusion:**

DO THE RIGHT THING!!!!

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have lived and worked in the Mono Basin for over 4 years and there is literally no other place in the lower 48 states that I haven't been that feels as special as this. The remoteness and lack of light pollution is part of what makes this area so incredibly special. Adding a large hotel and restaurant WAS NOT a part of the original development plan and SHOULD NOT be approved. It would be an unsightly scar on a virtually untouched landscape. I'm appalled this has even be co soldered as part of the planning development process.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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scenic Mono County deserve a better project design than the one currently proposed.

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**In conclusion:**

Please, please take these concerns seriously. The Eastern Sierra is an incredibly special place and part of what preserves that is its remoteness and lack of development and incredible vistas. This development, as proposed, would drastically alter this landscape in irreparable ways forever.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

With love for wild places,

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have lived in the greater Yosemite region for the past 10 years.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

I feel that the proposed project hasn't addressed the environmental concerns in such a fragile area enough.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

A better project is necessary. Please stop any forward progress on the current project.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Paul Koubek

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**Email**

## Michael Draper

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**From:** Gen K <genevieved86@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 5:33 PM  
**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Letter of opposition for Tioga Gas Station expansion

**Categories:** Tioga Inn

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To: Michael Draper,

I strongly oppose the upcoming plans for the Tioga Gas Mart Expansion in the pristine gateway to Yosemite. This area is beloved for its scenic views, as a home for wildlife, a haven for people from around world to come and feel calm and peace, to backpack, hike, and enjoy the dwindling natural places we have left in America. Not only would this be a threat to all of that, but it would also be an incredible blow to the economy for the local towns, specifically Lee Vining. This corporation doesn't care about or know the workings of this special place. They should not be the ones to be stewarding business in this fragile area. It would mean loss of jobs and financial stability for much of the local community.

There is so much damage to be done to this fragile, beloved, treasure of the Eastern Sierra from this corporate expansion. The local community, the wildlife, the birds, the plants, the views, and the sanctuary of this place to so many depends on it not happening.

Save what makes this place special!

Thank you for your time,  
Genevieve Krause

**From:** Jeff Kross Kross <jeffskross@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2019 8:29 PM  
**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

I have been traveling to Mono Lake as a destination for more than three decades and shudder to think this important natural beauty will be sullied by this project.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been visiting the Mono Lake area frequently over the past 25 years, to do landscape photography, kayaking, and hiking. My views on this topic are also informed by comments from my daughter, who was a Forest Service employee at Mono Lake for several years.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

I am particularly concerned about the high visual profile of the proposed "workforce housing" development, whose prominent location will be visible from South Tufa, Panum Crater, and other iconic natural areas. This will be ugly in the daytime but particularly disruptive at night, in this region of naturally dark skies,

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**In conclusion:**

I hope you will take action to ensure that this project does not proceed - if it proceeds at all - without generation and careful consideration of alternative siting that would do less damage to the visual and environmental values that make Mono Lake such a unique destination.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Sincerely,

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**From:** Ellen Laherty <erilla@me.com>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

We live in Sonoma County and have been coming to the east side to backpack, to visit friends, to photograph, and appreciate this amazing, unique environment since we were college student in the seventies.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

We have watched various developments occur from Lee Vining south to Bishop. We believe it is imperative to create housing that will be low impact and not be visible from Mono Lake where we canoe and camp. Each year we come to stay on the east side for up to a month leaving our tourist dollars from Lee Vining to Mammoth to Bishop.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

This development will be here forever and needs to be accomplished in a thoughtful manner. Thank you for considering our opinions.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Sincerely, Ellie & Patrick Laherty

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**From:** Charles Lammers <chasnlisa@sti.net>  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I visit the Mono Lakes Basin often as a resident of Sonora.

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

As someone who appreciates the special aesthetic and natural values of Mono Lake and the surrounding landscapes, I am very concerned about this proposed project for the Tioga Inn. The Mono Lake region is a very special place and will be permanently degraded by the scale of this project, which will bring visual impacts, unprecedented light pollution and harm to a unique biome. There is no other place like it in the world.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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approval to create permanent adverse visual impacts. Now the proponent seeks to expand the project and create significant new visual impacts that will affect highway travelers and Mono Lake visitors every day. All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

Please protect this very special part of our natural and cultural heritage from irreversible damage.

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have lived and played in the eastern Sierra for over a decade. I live in Bishop because of the beautiful landscape, rural nature, and remoteness.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**In conclusion:**

The focus on and value of nature in this region should not be eclipsed by the desire for short-term profit on a poorly developed plan.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Sincerely,

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**From:** Ogilvie Larimore <yertle63@gmail.com>  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My name is Gil and I live in Independence, CA. For many years I have enjoyed the view of the lake from the mini Mart. Seems to me that view gets ruined. Too

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

Once there it will never be the same.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**In conclusion:**

Please keep this ugly project from happening.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

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## Bentley Regehr

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**From:** Whitney Larsen <whitney.larsen2@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a landscape architect based in the Bay Area and have been a member of the Mono Lake Committee from my first trip to the basin the in the early 1980's. I realized then, as I still know now, how vital truly wild and unspoiled wilderness is.

**In conclusion:**

The Tioga Inn directly benefits from, and, in fact, exists primarily because of the pristine beauty of the surrounding Mono Basin. It is only reasonable then that the institution make every possible effort to mitigate any negative impacts that an expansion of facilities would have on the very qualities that it seeks to exploit.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Sincerely,

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## Michael Draper

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**From:** Quentin Lawrence <qtq2003@yahoo.com>  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am Quentin Andrea Lawrence, former President of the Board for the Andrea Lawrence Institute for Mountains and Rivers and present advisor to the Board for the Andrea Lawrence Fund at the Mono Lake Committee. I am the youngest child of Andrea Mead Lawrence.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

According to the specific plan section 4.4.3.4; "The Lee Vining area expresses extraordinary pride in the unique and significant views of the natural scenery." The impact of said resort will confound the visual landscape from almost any place on Mono Lake; South Tufa, Panum Crater, Navy Beach etc. this is not congruent with "extraordinary pride in unique and significant views".

Have the owners had a meeting with the town of Lee Vining or the Mono Lake Committee in order to get their views on the impact the resort would have? I see no indication of this. It seems that this would be a very high priority since Lee Vining will be directly affected by this resort so their inclusion should be mandatory. This draft seems very self serving, not in the interest of the community except for the offer of the swimming pool for local swim teams. I am not aware of any swim teams in Lee Vining or surrounding communities. The idea of a stop light on 395 to accommodate the traffic seems completely out of character for the region, again, self serving. How will the entire Basin community or Mono County gain if the housing is being used solely for the resort? Considering that Yosemite is open



for the summer season, what about the rest of the year? Why would so many residences be built up high? Can you/they guarantee that the property would not be sold to another entity who has bigger interests that are even less interested in the community? My feeling is that there is a lot of issues to resolve before this project can be approved and go forward.

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**In conclusion:**

Mono Lake is a sacred place to a very large population of people from around the country/world. It's beauty is like none other and any development near it needs very close attention to detail so that we don't create an artificial environment out of an environment which is unique and wonderful in itself. I think we have to exercise extraordinary sensitivities as to how we place buildings and facilities on the land so that we do not destroy the very reason people go there, to see, witness and participate in "the unique



and significant views of the natural scenery." The wonder that is Mono Lake; tufa towers, brine shrimp, expansive views of the Eastern Sierra mountains, Mono Craters.....so many of them! To quote Mom when testifying before Congress, " God did not make the Sierra Nevada as a lot and block subdivision and we shouldn't be dealing with it that way." Thank you for your time and attention.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Most sincerely,

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## Michael Draper

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**From:** Glenn Laxson <greyeagle5674@att.net>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
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**In conclusion:**

Mono Lake Committee, we know the revenue model might bring help to the area...  
That being said; We appeal to the higher grounded nature of this whole legacy filled area;  
First, remember and mandate historical respect. Second, don't cave to some progressive  
idea of what The Lee Vining/Tioga intersection should be. Keep it as "wild" with  
wilderness as possible. Ask yourselves why this isn't being done by private industry...  
So if there's not a sustainable model, don't do something for some neoethical progressive  
reason.  
So much of old California is already gone.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Glenn Laxson

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**From:** Vanessa Lea <vanessavlea@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2019 5:14 PM  
**To:** Michael Draper  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been a member of the Mono Lake Committee for nearly 30 years. I live in the Bay Area and truly value and respect our wild and natural resources, these places of scenic beauty. Mono Lake is unique in so many ways and we have a duty to maintain this for the generations to come. This proposed project is another example of serving a few individuals for personal gain, rather than the great community of humanity.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

This project will have significant and negative impact on our shrinking dark skies, for which this area is unique. Any development in such a significant wildlife and bird intersection needs to consider light pollution as a major threat to every living thing, including humans.

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**In conclusion:**

Please consider the impact and direction this project is taking, as John Muir said "Wilderness is a necessity... there must be places for human beings to satisfy their souls." So lets keep these special places wild.

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My family has been visiting the Eastern Sierra and Yosemite since the 1980s. This development needs to be scaled back as Lee Vining will be adversely impacted with the addition of all these rental units, not to mention the hotel and restaurant traffic impact to such a small, charming town. We do not need another Mammoth in Lee Vining. This project will affect wildlife migration and population of wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

Please review and reprocess the 1993 approval of this large development and scale it way back as the impact to Lee Vining will be huge. Vote NO.

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my name is Guy Lefebvre and live in Yorba Linda, CA. I've been a member of the Mono Lake Committee since 1984. I'm totally against this further expansion of thee Tioga Inn Project. Want the area to remain the way is!!!!!!!!

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Guy Lefebvre

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a board member of the Napa-Solano Audubon Society and a field trip bird leader. I have lead many trips to Yosemite and Mono Lake. I would strongly request that this development not be seen from South Tufa Towers.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**In conclusion:**

Mono Lake, is the Gateway of Yosemite National Park from the East, the community of Lee Vining, and scenic Mono County deserve a better project design than the one currently proposed.

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

As a volunteer with the Mono Lake Committee I value the fragile ecosystem that is the Mono basin.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

It is important that all possible care be taken to protect the scenic, cultural and environmental assets present in Mono basin.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

Please turn this amendment back for further work to mitigate all the adverse impacts and preserve the visual environment, wildlife habitat and cultural values so important to the community

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been a visitor to the Eastern Sierras and Mono Lake for many decades. I have appreciated this world famous scenery with my family as well as with many friends and relatives from Europe and elsewhere though the years. I am deeply concerned that the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project will significantly change the overall feel of area. It is too large and too visible from so many beautiful viewpoints in the area. In addition, as the gateway to Yosemite National Park it would be a sad intrusion on the overall excitement of entering a wilderness area.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- The Final SEIR needs to include project alternatives that reduce the visual and aesthetic impacts to a less than significant level.
- This project should not be visible from South Tufa or Hwy 395 south of the Tioga Pass junction.
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

My name is Amy Lewis and I live in Mono City. After spending the last 40 years living in Southern California, I finally was able to make the Mono Basin my permanent residence. What has always drawn me to this area is the peacefulness and lack of any visual distractions when you look out on the horizon.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

I currently work for the NPS. I see on a daily basis the increased volume of visitors this area attracts. I feel there is a lack of sufficient law enforcement to keep this area safe as it is, adding additional housing/hotels/etc. will continue to exacerbate this problem.

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

My name is Glen Lewis. I grew up in Lee Vining. My grandparents were the Silvesters, Alice and Albert, original pioneers of the area. I have brought my wife and children to camp on Lee Vining creek and enjoy the Sierras since they were toddlers, and now my grand kids. We really don't want to see an ugly hotel when we come around the corner.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

I would ask Mono County to STOP the project as it stands. No 2 story hotel that is absurd. I'm sure the County sees it as a nice tax revenue.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**In conclusion:**

Please don't ruin our beautiful Mono basin.

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been coming to the Mono Basin almost annually since 1987, and love this part of the eastern Sierra. I specifically would like to see something with a lower impact on the overall area.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

This project will clearly change the experience any visitor has to the area, scarring the views we all get to enjoy in and around Mono Basin.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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approval to create permanent adverse visual impacts. Now the proponent seeks to expand the project and create significant new visual impacts that will affect highway travelers and Mono Lake visitors every day. All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

**In conclusion:**

The bottom line for me is we have a beautiful place that will experience a very dramatic change because of this project. The project as proposed will adversely impact this beauty, permanently changing the landscape to the detriment of all if completed as proposed.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Best,

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

The Eastern Sierras are a wild and open place. There are very very few places like it left in the California and in the US. The land that is proposed to be used is not just "empty" - it provides a wildlife habitat and is part of what makes the Eastside what it is.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

The light pollution plan is insufficient. Also, what will the building materials be? How will you mitigate any habitat loss? What about water usage and even more importantly, trash and sewage? Where will the workers live and commute? How will you account for road wear and tear and increased emissions?

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**In conclusion:**

Let's stop being short sighted for the corporate profits. This project will not make anyone happy in the long-term. Money comes and goes. It's obvious that every generation is leaving our natural places in worse conditions for our children. It's funny when you hear older folks say "things have changed, it's not as beautiful and wild as it was," and then those same people championing development.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Sincerely

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I'm a long-time supporter of Mono Lake.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I visit Mono county with my friends every year to photograph the beautiful scenery and they night sky.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- This project should not be visible from South Tufa or Hwy 395 south of the Tioga Pass junction.
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**In conclusion:**

I believe Mono Lake, the Gateway of Yosemite National Park, the community of Lee Vining, and scenic Mono County deserve a better project design than the one currently proposed.

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I strongly oppose the expansion.

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**From:** Tonia Liss <tonialiss@gmail.com>  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

I have only visited the Mono Lake area once, but I'm a member of the Mono Lake Committee. I was deeply moved by the terrain, scenery, and the entire Mono Lake story. It seems to me that the expansion of the Tioga Inn Project would have a deleterious effect upon the area and the ability to enjoy the outdoor opportunities, the wildlife, and the dark skies.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

The Tioga Inn expansion would possibly dissuade the type of tourism that the area would like to attract. The Project is just too big and would add traffic congestion, crowds, and bright lights. I plan to go back to Mono Lake because of its undeveloped character; I have avoided Yosemite because of crowds, traffic, and air pollution.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

Please don't ruin yet another scenic treasure. The proposed Tioga Inn development can potentially cause environmental issues with water quality and increased air pollution from vehicles. Why do the developers always have to win? No one asked the potential visitors to Mono Lake if they wanted this project.

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## **Bentley Regehr**

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

I have explored parts of the perimeter of Mono Lake on several occasions and enjoy its raw natural beauty. There should not be any new facilities built at the proposed Tioga Inn location.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

The scenic beauty of the lake will be lessened by expansion of commercial buildings including hotel rooms and food service. This area should have been declared a national park and part of Yosemite National Park.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am 70 years old and first visited the Mono Lake area as a child. My husband and I have continued to visit the area throughout our life--the latest trip was this spring. It is a special place to both of us, and our now 41 year old daughter.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

The Mono Lake region is vast and amazingly beautiful. A development of this size, and in such a visibly prominent place would be a scar on the landscape and create disharmony in and is in-congruent with area and the intent in its protection.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**In conclusion:**

I understand the need for housing all over the state, however it needs to be appropriately placed. This project is not well placed and should be revised and or relocated to a more appropriate location. Please consider my husband, Trymon Hunter a co-signer. T

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Ruth Lombard

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**From:** Martin London <ml22ml@yahoo.com>  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been a frequent visitor to the Mono Lake Basin for over the past 40 years from the Bay Area and greatly value the remote nature of the area and I believe the vast majority of visitors do as well. The deep skies of the area are one of its most endearing qualities.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

Please reconsider the plans for such an extensive project without adequate mitigation.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Sincerely

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Southern CA resident. My love of Mono lake began as a child on family vacations, it required a 2 hour detour to absorb the beauty and observe changes but happened every year. That love continues with strong concern watching changes.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**In conclusion:**

PLEASE leave our national treasure unblemished.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

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I do not think the buildings need to be there move them up the canyon.

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**Sent:** Saturday, August 17, 2019 10:30 AM  
**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

As a member of the Center for Biological Diversity, I am concerned about human disruption of habitat for wildlife. We are in the United Nations Decade of Biodiversity. We are in an anthropocene era of unprecedented declines of species, abundance and dry-weight biomass. Virtually all human activities have negative environmental impacts. Encroachment on open spaces has significant detrimental environmental impacts.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.
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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

In conclusion, I oppose the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three. I urge you to reject this SEIR.

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I am a visitor to Mono Lake and the surrounding areas for 4 decades and would hate to see any development with adverse impacts on the area.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- The Final SEIR needs to include project alternatives that reduce the visual and aesthetic impacts to a less than significant level.
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mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

Please make all necessary changes to the project to mitigate the above impacts,

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**From:** David Luboff <dluboff@earthlink.net>  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have visited Mono Lake and the surrounding areas almost every year since 1978. The Mono Basin has special meaning to me, and I am opposed to development that would detract from its important scenic values.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
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**In conclusion:-**

The proposed development will create an eyesore that will destroy one of the most scenic vistas of the Sierra Nevada, including majestic Mt. Dana, the second highest peak in Yosemite National Park. If this project is to be authorized at all, all of its negative impacts must be mitigated in a meaningful way.

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**From:** Cathy Lucin <catlu@att.net>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My name is Cathy Lucin. My family & I used to go camping and visit Lee Vining and the surrounding area for many years. Life happened & we didn't come up for far too long. This year we finally made it back and we're so happy happy we did.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

~~Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.~~

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sue Luft <luftsue@gmail.com>  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

My husband and I have visited Mono Lake at least annually for the past decade and approximately every other year since early 1980. This place is absolutely amazing.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

Dark skies and unobstructed views are some of what makes Mono Lake unique. These impacts must be thoroughly analyzed.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

We must protect the beauty of this special place.

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

I have been a lover of Mono Lake since my I first saw it in the 1970s. I visit at least once a year and look forward to the peace and tranquility that the Mono Basin affords.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
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**In conclusion:**

I understand that housing remains an issue in the region and I hope that a more appropriate solution—one that is more in keeping with the nature of the region—can be found.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Thank you,

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**From:** Yvonne Lux <yvonnelix@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have visited the Mono Lake and Tioga Pass entrance many times in the past 40 years. I am still amazed at the wonderful scenic views each time I visit. I enjoy the Mobil Mart too and am hopeful that a revised plan will encompass changes that meet the needs of those of us who live for the natural settings as well as the workforce housing.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
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- Mono Lake, the Gateway of Yosemite National Park, the community of Lee Vining, and scenic Mono County deserve a better project design than the one currently proposed.

**In conclusion:**

Please reconsider the current plan and draft one that more closely mitigates the visual impacts.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

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**From:** Bret Lyon <bret@1bret.net>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been coming to Mono Basin for many years and deeply value its natural beauty. It is a place for me to connect with nature and with myself.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

They can do better and they will if they don't just get a blanket approval for a deeply flawed project.

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**From:** Jane Lyon <mountan6@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My father started bringing me to Mono Lake when I was 5 years old - 68 years ago. We were drawn by its beauty, majesty, quiet, unique landscape and untouched environment. We do not need/want another hotel or draw for tourists to mob this pristine gem.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**In conclusion:**

The impacts of these additions would be detrimental to the environment of Mono Lake and its biological diversity and health.

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## Kelly Karl

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**From:** Sarah M <sarahjm77@swbell.net>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
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**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

Yosemite has amazing dark skies, and these dark skies are becoming rare and quickly disappearing. Please don't let something come in that will take those skies away from Yosemite. That would be a terrible tragedy. People travel to Yosemite to see natural beauty, and the night sky is a huge, huge part of that and something most of us can no longer see.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Sincerely

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**From:** Taylor Maavara <taylor.maavara@gmail.com>  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

I am a regular visitor to Lee Vining, where I always stop on my climbing and skiing trips to the Eastern Sierra. I am also an environmental scientist with significant concerns related to the overall ecological impact on the region.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

Part of the appeal of the Eastern Sierra is the ability to escape the crowds in Yosemite and parks closer to the coast. The terrain remains wilder and more pristine out east and its a necessary respite that is becoming harder and harder to find in California.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.
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no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

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**From:** Gordy MacDermott <glmacd@comcast.net>  
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**In conclusion:**

I drive 395 many times a year and enjoy the small town feel of the Mono lake. This project does not fit the area. It is not L.A.

Thanks, Gordy

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**From:** Chris MacIntosh <chrismac@alumni.upenn.edu>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I spend at least a long weekend in the Mono Basin every year for the Bird Chautauqua, having been coming almost since the beginning. I enjoy the shops, the restaurants, the Mono Market for picnic supplies, not to mention the wonderful scenery and resources.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

While I enjoy eating at Whoa Nellie Deli, given where it is positioned, adding this housing would be extremely detrimental. It will be visible from afar and detract from the natural vista. It will shed light when the Mono Basin could and should be a 'dark sky' site (24 hour tourism- think of the opportunities to show off the stars and planets, and moonlit photography and viewing over the lake). The project will adversely affect wildlife corridors. It is not guaranteed to improve housing for local workers, but will add workload to the local emergency services and to traffic.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The previously approved hotel and restaurant already received special Mono County approval to create permanent adverse visual impacts. Now the proponent seeks to



expand the project and create significant new visual impacts that will affect highway travelers and Mono Lake visitors every day. All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

**In conclusion:**

If you must have this, please tone it down and set it into the landscape in such a way as to be a shining (figuratively, not literally) example of how to add a building invisibly into one of the world's most beautiful landscapes.

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**From:** Louis Macovsky <l.macovsky@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a retired Veterinarian and Wildlife Ecotoxicologist who practiced out of Mariposa and worked with YNP Rangers as well as Curry Company. I was a student and friend of David Gaines. I know the basin quite well. Mono Lake and its environs have been a special place for me and my family since my first visit in 1979. I have camped, hiked, sat in the hot springs, and even swam there. I have used it as a jump off place to explore the land to its east. I have returned many many times patronizing in-town motels, restaurants, and other businesses. Do not spoil the experience nor disrupt wildlife for special interests.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

All care and effort should be taken to minimize any impact on the experience of visiting the lake. Perhaps more important is avoid the impacts on wildlife and despoiling the land. Not every available place needs to be developed for the profits of special interests at the detriment of the natural environment and its ecological value.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

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**From:** Joan Magit <joanmagit@gmail.com>  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

This area is a very special place for my entire family and numerous friends. Mono Lake is one of a few remaining miracles that I love to visit at least one time a year and also gives hundreds of college students from all of the country to see, learn the history of this remarkable place on our earth. It is irreplaceable. Please no more development here, there are many other places for Community Development. Thank you for seeking other empty places to develop. Joan Magit RN., MN., NP., PhD.

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**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I've spent countless weeks cumulatively over decades in the area and while visual impacts are noteworthy, the plan should more thoughtfully consider the environment and natural space of the area.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- This project should not be visible from South Tufa or Hwy 395 south of the Tioga Pass junction.
- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.
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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Sincerely,

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I first saw Mono Lake looking down from Parker Pass when I was 13 and on my first backpacking trip with the Girl Scouts. I thought at the time that it was the most beautiful lake I had ever seen and I still do. Now that I am in my seventies I no longer backpack but enjoy car camping in the Parker creek and nearby Inyo National forest areas off 120. This proposed development would severely impact the isolation and solitude I and I am sure many others enjoy in the Mono Basin.

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**In conclusion:**



I urge you to address the issues above in such a way that the Mono Basin continues to be a place of ultimate beauty without a huge development blotting its landscape.

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I own property in Mammoth Lakes and have considered Mono Lake to be an iconic scenic assets for Mono County.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

To approve this project without sufficient mitigation is not wise policy and cannot be easily reversed. And my question is why? Why approve a project that can be modified such that it doesn't destroy so many scenic assets?

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**In conclusion:**

Please reconsider approving this project as it stands now. Save Mono Lake's scenic values from an ill-advised project.

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am 20 years old and have spent many childhood summers camping and backpacking in the Mono Basin. I am now a photographer and find myself heading to this area when I have vacation time to take advantage of the amazing photographic opportunities.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

So many iconic images and scenes will be forever marred by this project if it is approved and allow to be developed.

There are also fewer and fewer places in this world to enjoy and photograph the night sky and stars and it is a shame that all this would be thrown away just for that lack of will to create a better alternative. I would encourage you to make the effort to create and approve a superior plan that puts the preservation of Mono Basin and surrounds first .

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My husband (now deceased) and I visited Mono Lake many times over the years. It was a very special place to us. The first time was a trip in mid October driving south on 395 to Mono Lake. The first snow had just fallen over the Sierra crest. The visual effect of the snow capped Sierras rising up behind the Lake was absolutely stunning. Please preserve that experience for others.

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**In conclusion:**

A beautifully designed low impact project would be an asset to the community in addition to proving needed workforce housing.

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

Although not a permanent resident of Mono County, I have been annually travelling to this area for the past several years either as a visitor or as a seasonal employee. My relationship with the Mono Basin is greatly tied to the unique ecology of this area, and the primary reason that I come here is heavily based on the scenic and rural qualities of the human and non-human landscape.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**In conclusion:**

In looking at the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report and Specific Plan for the Tioga Inn Project I read that impacts on light and glare are identified as some of the 6 significant unavoidable adverse impacts. It is difficult for me to imagine that there are no alternatives for further mitigation to light pollution impacts. I urge you to require the applicant to come up with a project that takes further mitigation into account to reduce the impact of light pollution on the extremely valuable and increasingly rare resource of dark night skies.

As the gateway of Yosemite National Park, the community of Lee Vining is set to experience some changes in future years if visitation to the park continues to increase. In light of this, I am concerned that the plan as currently proposed requires additional revisions to mitigate the traffic, visual and scenic impacts of the project. Further, considering that visitation to Lee Vining may increase, I find it important that the inevitable changes to the character of the town be reduced as much as possible through more clearly delineating housing units as guaranteed, affordable workforce housing as opposed to short-term rentals that may negatively increase Lee Vining use as a Yosemite tourist "landing pad" and disconnect the Tioga Inn from community responsibility and connectivity in Lee Vining.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

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**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Sarah Mayer

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I have visited this area for more than four decades and value the minimal impact on this sensitive area from overdevelopment.

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**In conclusion:**

Please do not approve this additional addition. This project will permanently leave a undeniable negative impact on the area.

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

i have lived in mono county over 40 years and have yet to see a project approved that had aesthetic appeal.

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travelers and Mono Lake visitors every day. All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

**In conclusion:**

i hope you will carefully consider the negative impacts of this project .

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I have been visiting Mono Lake for close to 40 years, along with my mother, father, sister, brother, husband, daughter, son, and many friends. One of the wonderful aspects of the area is its wild empty feeling.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

I am horrified of the idea of a large building on top of a bluff where it will defile views from so many parts of Mono Basin. This must not be allowed.

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**In conclusion:**

The trend of putting buildings on high points so those inside get nice views, WHILE DAMAGING THE VIEWS FOR OTHERS, must not be permitted to happen here.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Urgently,

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**From:** Mike McClaskey <cypressmike@gmail.com>  
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I am a long time visitor to the Eastern Sierra and Lee Vining and like my many friends and acquaintances that reside in the immediate area, I am dismayed by the prospect of this project.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

I am very saddened to think that Mono County would allow the visual blight that plagues so much of our modern world to despoil a view scape as precious as the Mono Basin.

I cannot help but find irony in a document that explains at length how a project will be sighted to preserve the views from within the rooms in the project, or explain how roof orientation will facilitate solar panel installation while not simultaneously acknowledging the blight that must necessarily result from such effort.

Such examples from the document clearly indicate to me that inadequate effort has been directed to reduce the profoundly negative visual impacts of this project on the greater area.

Workforce housing is an important goal, but this is clearly a case of maiming the goose that laid the golden egg.

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**In conclusion:**

Please reject this project as currently submitted.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Sincerely,

**Name**

Mike McClaskey



**From:** Cindy McConnell <cindymccnll@yahoo.com>  
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I am an avid backpacker and outdoor enthusiast and have been visiting this area for 50 years. The charm and beauty of the area has always drawn me to the particular place.

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**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Sincerely, Cindy McConnell

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My family has been in the area since 1956, my parents grew up here, and now my children all go to the same schools. 1 in high school, 2 in middle, and 2 in elementary. I want them to experience the same mini basin I did.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

Progress is inevitable, but it should be done in a manner that doesn't disrupt the local wildlife, and scenery. The proposed project doesn't fit the area.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**From:** Ferris McGovern <ssgreybeard@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2019 5:57 AM  
**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

I am Ferris McGovern & whis strongly to preserve this lake in it's current state.I was born in NY & never before had I seen a lake in desert. Just drove by once,but want to go back V& see it as it is now..Please do not approve amend.# 3,there are enough people pods already in the state.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

I would say please do not hurt the wildlife with this project. I belong to WWE & several other conservation organizations & don't want to the hurt to the animals that would happen. As I said before we have enough people pods & concrete pads over Mother Earth. Please Stop This NOW....

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- The Final SEIR needs to include project alternatives that reduce the visual and aesthetic impacts to a less than significant level.

- This project should not be visible from South Tufa or Hwy 395 south of the Tioga Pass junction.
- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.
- Mono Lake, the Gateway of Yosemite National Park, the community of Lee Vining, and scenic Mono County deserve a better project design than the one currently proposed.
- The previously approved hotel and restaurant already received special Mono County approval to create permanent adverse visual impacts. Now the proponent seeks to expand the project and create significant new visual impacts that will affect highway travelers and Mono Lake visitors every day. All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.
- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

I don't want this to happen before I get to see the natural beauty of the lake. All wildlife will suffer & I can't get behind more building & concrete!!!! Please stop this now. I am in my later years & wish to experience the lake & the Gateway to Yosemite Park before I die.

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## Bentley Regehr

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**From:** Bekah McNamara <rebekahmcnamara@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My name is Rebekah McNamara and I grew up visiting Mono County. What is special about it, is it's beauty and it is not well known. If they start creating more buildings, it will lose its uniqueness.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Rebekah McNamara

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**From:** Bob McNutt <maacbob@juno.com>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have comeing to the lake for about 30+years, taking my kids and now Gkids. I bring my camera and painting gear. I live in the Bay Area and always stop on my way to the E/side of the mts.

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**From:** Susan Means <sekenz@outlook.com>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

Currently I am a resident of Bishop, Ca. I, since I have been a young girl, found the vistas of the area of Mono Lake unique and beautiful. I fell in love more with this area at university with a professor of California geography who taught of the area and it's protection. In fact, Mono Lake brought me to this area. My first impression of the beauty of this area, with a development looking as the currently proposed one, would leave a very different first impression if viewed for the first time, with this proposed development. It breaks my heart for all those who follow us to this area, they will never see the beauty as we have. Please visually protect this area for those who are not yet familiar with these beautiful vistas, all of those who come after us for the first time.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
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forward.

- Mono Lake, the Gateway of Yosemite National Park, the community of Lee Vining, and scenic Mono County deserve a better project design than the one currently proposed.
- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

Please require the developer(s) to respect and protect this beautiful and unique area, a better plan is possible.

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**From:** Tyler Meester <meester600@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2019 9:02 PM  
**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My name is Tyler Meester, I have worked in the Sierras for the last several years. I'm not opposed to development, but hope that developers will be mindful about their impacts to the local community, and that they will listen to the concerns of local residents.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
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travelers and Mono Lake visitors every day. All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Sincerely,

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**From:** Barry Megdal <bmegdal@shbinstruments.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2019 5:10 PM  
**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

One of the things that I come to the Mono Basin for is to see the stars in the dark night sky. In looking at the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report and Specific Plan for the Tioga Inn Project I see that impacts on light and glare are identified as some of the 6 significant unavoidable adverse impacts. I find it hard to believe that there aren't more things that can be done in order to preserve this special resource, and urge you to require the applicant to come up with a project that takes further mitigation into account and not change people's opportunity to experience the precious night sky.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

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**From:** Thomas Melatis Melatis <tom\_melatis@prodigy.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 18, 2019 5:23 PM  
**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I'm a long time visitor and friend of the Eastern Sierras and Mono County, even though I live in Agoura Hills. I frequent the area, Mammoth, and Mono. I love the open space and visiting the area frequently.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- The Final SEIR needs to include project alternatives that reduce the visual and aesthetic impacts to a less than significant level.
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**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

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**From:** Minna Mendelson <minnamax18@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

It is vital that we protect wilderness from encroachment and development

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

please be transparent and willing to work with environmental groups to assure the least impact to the area

**In conclusion:**

Human beings need accessible wilderness....dark skies, scenic views and sustainable habitat for wildlife are needed for a healthy economy of the spirit

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**From:** Ralph and Ann Mendershausen <ralphr@sti.net>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

We have been visiting Mono Lake for 50 years. We live in Mariposa. This Tioga Inn Project threatens the lake and its bird life. Surely, they can do better than this take over of the lake viewshed! Look what Inyo National Forest did with their attractive visitor's center. That appears to blend in well and attract visitors without harming wildlife. Cannot the Tioga Inn do the same? The project needs to consider appropriate lighting that goes more down than up, ie is bird friendly, subject to some oversight by, say, Audubon. This lake is not there so that some entrepreneur can turn it into a huge roadside bonanza. It is there, as it is now, solely due to the work of David Gaines and the Mono Lake Committee. If the values that saved this lake and its bird life cannot be respected by this project, then it is the project that should be sacrificed, not the lake.

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**From:** Victoria Van meter <[vicky.vanmeter@gmail.com](mailto:vicky.vanmeter@gmail.com)>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My husband and I love the beauty of the eastern sierras and visit Lee Vining often. Visitors from around the world come to enjoy the wildlife, the vistas and the dark sky. They thought of this large project marring the landscape and lighting the skies is very upsetting.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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travelers and Mono Lake visitors every day. All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

Please do the right thing and don't ruin one of the last places that has not been marred by thoughtless development.

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**From:** Enid Meyer Meyer <dinemeyer@yahoo.com>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been going to Mono Lake and camping in Lundy Canyon since the early 1960s. The preservation of the lake, scenery and access to all is important to me and my family.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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approval to create permanent adverse visual impacts. Now the proponent seeks to expand the project and create significant new visual impacts that will affect highway travelers and Mono Lake visitors every day. All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

**In conclusion:**

I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Sincerely,

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**From:** Evi Meyer <evimeyer@cox.net>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a resident of Los Angeles County with a strong connection to the Monolake, which I visit at least once a year. This area is of such ecological importance and Monolake an essential part of the ecosystem which needs to be protected under all circumstances. Expansion of the Tioga Inn project the way it is proposed would forever change this ecosystem.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- This project should not be visible from South Tufa or Hwy 395 south of the Tioga Pass junction.
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**In conclusion:**



Please reconsider the environmental impact study for this project and make sure to include sufficient screening of the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.

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**From:** Jeanne Meyers <jmatcc@aol.com>  
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**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have been enjoying Mono Lake's pristine wildness as my children and I stopped there each summer for 30 years.

There are more than enough vacation lodging options in Mammoth. No more are needed in Lee Vining.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

I understand the desire for another restaurant, but not lodging which significantly causes more traffic.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.

**In conclusion:**

Please request a more complete SEIR before voting on this proposal.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Most sincerely

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**From:** Steven Meyers <steve@meyerschevrolet.com>  
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**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My name is Steve Meyers, I am a former resident that now lives in Michigan. I have become increasingly aware as I get older of the permanent impact our decisions have on special natural places such as those we have here in Michigan and places such as Mono Lake in California. I would ask that you give plenty of thought and time to making any decisions affecting a treasure such as Mono Lake. The impact of these decisions cannot be reversed.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
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- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

I would just ask that the future of Mono Lake be thoughtfully considered. We as a country are encroaching on far too many of these special places in a negative way.

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**From:** Howard Meyerson <howiem@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
**Subject:** Comment letter regarding the Tioga Inn Draft SEIR

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a long-time member of the Mono Lake Committee. I care that development in the area is consistent with preservation of natural resources.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.

**In conclusion:**

Re-evaluate the design of this project.

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**From:** Richard Mick <rikibana@yahoo.com>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a resident of Santa Cruz county who visits Mono Lake and the Eastern Sierra regularly.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**From:** Gayle Midas <gaylemidas@icloud.com>  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

My husband and I visit the Mono Lake area every year, please don't change this small town of Lee Vining. The animals in the area need to have a safe environment where they are comfortable, making changes makes them uncomfortable.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
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travelers and Mono Lake visitors every day. All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.

- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

Do not make changes to this beautiful area!

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**From:** Joseph Migliore <jayseem@dc.rr.com>  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a supporting member of the Mono Lake Committee. I have visited the Mono Lake, Lee Vining areas numerous times since the 1950's. For the most part I have camped in the Mono basin or at developed campgrounds in Lee Vining Canyon.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

Secondary to the extraordinary beloved natural landscapes of the area I am so grateful that the area has seen minimal development since my first visit. I would hope that it could remain essentially as it is. Commercial and residential development without considerable restraint seem to inevitably foster more of the same. Even executed with care to help preserve the essence of the place, development profoundly diminishes the intrinsic character and experience for visitors. It simply is not imperative that the Mono Lake Basin become a tourist mecca. Leaving it as it is is enough. Consider how many people known to us do not visit Yosemite anymore because..... Please do not allow creeping commercial development to happen to Mono Lake. None is what is best for the environment and its visitors. I would vote to rescind the existing specific plan. Is it too late? Alas, it appears that way!

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**In conclusion:**

In the 26 years since the approval of the afore cited specific plan the sensibilities for the preservation of our environment have evolved. By default it's up to us to save the environment.... and ourselves!

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Sincerely

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My wife and I spent one week each year for 11 years (in the mid 1980s to 90's) renting a cabin at the Virginia Lakes Resort, experiencing the high Sierra mountains. We are now in our 80's. We always stopped at the Mono Lake Visitors Center to spend time there and around the western part of the lake... about the lake and its unique basin. Joining the Mono Lake Committee the first year. The visual vistas are one of a kind. The basin geography pulls the entire environment into one. Stopping up on the Conway Grade for a eastern and southern grand view and photography is one of a kind.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

A visitors hotel may be needed. Being new will certainly shift guests from other lodging but probably add new folks staying overnight (s). There definitely will be more lights at nights. Shading the building lites from lake views is important either by sinking the building below grade or building berms to physically block light rays. Vehicles traveling to and from at dusk, night and dawn will certainly add lines of light to vistas. Screening such with native plants and trees would be important and significant. Because sight lines in this basin travel for 10's of miles such mitigation should be required. The night sky lighting should be no greater than current Lee Vining or less.

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**In conclusion:**

We urge your department to add mitigating changes: trees and other large plants to screen work force building...lowering ground level floors to decrease light sources and built structures....screening of road ways with trees to mitigate vehicle night lights. Pavements should be designed to course runoff water to percolation basins or areas. Lighting structures especially on the lake side should be shielded from long distance views.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

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**From:** Carrie Miller <birdnerdsf@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a native Californian and care deeply about the Mono Lake basin. I am an avid hiker and birder.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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I am a California resident who greatly values the pristine nature of Mono Lake Basin. I visit Mono Lake every summer and highly value the uninterrupted view of the lake, as well as a canoe ride to view the tufas, the wildlife and the brine shrimp in the water. It is unimaginable that the Tioga Inn Project would even be considered.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**From:** Craig Miller <ccsmiller@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I am a teacher who regularly brings high school students to the Mono Basin to do field work at the center of our Water in the West course. This has given me deep understanding of and appreciation for the ecological importance of Mono Lake and its significance as a vital public trust.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**To:** Michael Draper  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I enjoy visiting the area and will reconsider doing so if this project becomes a reality.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

Consider I checked all the boxes below.

**In conclusion:**

Overall, this proposal is a dumb, selfish, idea that should never have seen the light of day.  
End it now!

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**From:** KENDRICK MILLER <kwmiller@pacbell.net>  
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**To:** Michael Draper  
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**From:** Marji Miller <archosaur99@gmail.com>  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

I am a long-time member of the Mono Lake Committee and I spend vacation time at Mono Lake several times a year. This is a geologic, scenic, natural, historical paradise. It deserves to be protectued

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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This is an area that I've known and loved for it's serene natural beauty all of my life. My family would take trips yearly up for our family vacation.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

I'm worried that our society is placing very little importance on natural habitats and ecosystems whenever it comes to development. We need to be thinking long term about how to keep the earth clean and safe, and plopping down buildings here will have detrimental impacts.

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- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.

**In conclusion:**

I hope you consider the impact you can have by reconsidering the placement of this project.

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

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## Bentley Regehr

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have enjoyed spending much time at Mono Lake and I think it should be protected.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

This entire project is unnecessary and is a burden to the residents, the infrastructure and the ecosystem. Maintaining all the additional infrastructure will be much more expensive in the end.

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**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Thank you,

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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department:** I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.

I have visited Mono lake family for over 30 years introducing many friends and family to mono lake. Especially kids who spend so much time on social media they are e out of touch with nature. But mono lake opens their eyes to the majesty of nature. The mystery and wonder of mono lake enchants kids of all ages

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

While development is good for tax coffers. Development poorly done becomes tomorrows boxy trashy degraded rural slum eith a liquor store. Monolake must not be ruined by poorly considered development. Development must fit with the site not overpower it

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

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**In conclusion:**

For development that endures and adds to the visitor experience it must be sensitive to the site. Enough monstrosities of poor public development in California. Think outside the box!!!!

**Thank you for considering my concerns with the expansion of the Tioga Inn project.**

Thanks

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**From:** M L <michaelogan31@yahoo.com>  
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**Dear Mono County Community Development Department: I am writing to comment on the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that has been prepared for the proposed expansion of the Tioga Inn Project and associated Specific Plan Amendment Number Three.**

Resident of Yosemite

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

By doing this you shame John Muir's legacy and work the man did in the Sierras, and every single person who has stopped to gaze at the beauty Yosemite and it's surrounding regions have to offer. This makes me physically sick and I hope you will have the spine to realize how damaging and unnecessary all this is for \$\$\$\$. The money is temporary once you've completely destroyed this region.

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**In conclusion:**

Don't be a spineless shithead.

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**From:** Lynn de Moor <lynndemoor@gmail.com>  
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I have been a supporter of Mono Lake for a number of years. Part of Mono Lake's appeal for me is the dark night skies. Finding clear, dark skies in CA is very difficult. Light pollution is a real problem for those of us who enjoy stargazing and astrophotography.

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**In conclusion:**

Please consider my input when you read the construction proposal.

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We are residents of the Sierra National Forest area. We have been camping, fishing and hiking in the Lee Vining area for 35 years. We are members and contributors of Mono Lake Committee for 20 + years. When I read about this plan to build this hotel/resort I was outraged. This area is one of the last beautiful and natural areas of California. This plan will turn it into another Yosemite Valley which is so trampled each tourist season that the flora and fauna are not able to return to a healthy state after the season ends. It is CLEAR that this sensitive environment cannot sustain that amount of tourist impact. The station/deli already is an eyesore and contributes to creating an urban strip mall environment to a place that is known, loved and valued for its simplicity and peace. I feel powerless in the face of this business owner's greed. I am acquainted with this business owner through a musician friend, and am not surprised that he is moving forward in this manner. The power I do have is to boycott Mobil/Whoa Nellie for the rest of my days and to advise all my friends, family and colleagues who also dearly love this area to similarly boycott it. If we do not protect our treasured natural environments, we will continue to lose the peace and beauty they bring us which is necessary to the survival of humans on this shared planet. This is NOT DISNEYLAND. This is a sensitive, natural and SACRED environment that cannot stand up to the trampling of hordes and commerce. Shame on Mobil/Whoa Nellie. Shame on Dennis and Jane Domaille. You know better. I formally call you out for the greed and destruction you are bringing into a shared natural environment. I see you and all involved for what you are. I will never forget or forgive for this action.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

If Mono Committee needs more funds to legally fight this plan or to further environmental investigations, please contact Dan and Martha Moore of North Fork, California. We will continue to support. Go take a look at what has happened in Fish Camp, California with Tenaya Lodge. The damage to environment there and within a 50 mile range of it is VISIBLE. Don't let this happen in Lee Vining region.

**My main concerns about the Tioga Inn project as presented in the Draft SEIR are the following:**

- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- There are cumulative adverse impacts to migrating deer with this project, and there is no planned immediate, enforceable mitigation that will reduce additional vehicle impacts with deer and other wildlife.

**In conclusion:**

Stop this project.

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I have been a regular visitor with my family, to Mono Lake for over 30 plus years. This planned eye sore will be bad for the area on many levels.

**Overall the project documents don't provide adequate alternatives and mitigation for the permanent impacts the project would create.**

Please have the development people redo their proposal to have the project blend into the natural landscape. It should not be seen from the highway as currently designed. I imagine that a Frank Lloyd Wright type trained architect could do a much better job.

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- The project's visual impacts are significant, and the proponent has not considered sufficient mitigation to screen the Tioga Inn Workforce Housing Village.
- The Final SEIR needs to include project alternatives that reduce the visual and aesthetic impacts to a less than significant level.
- This project should not be visible from South Tufa or Hwy 395 south of the Tioga Pass junction.
- I urge Mono County to make additional efforts to balance the needs of the project with

the unique, wild, and beautiful nature of this special place. The current draft project does not include alternatives that mitigate the identified impacts so that a good project can go forward.

- Mono Lake, the Gateway of Yosemite National Park, the community of Lee Vining, and scenic Mono County deserve a better project design than the one currently proposed.
- The previously approved hotel and restaurant already received special Mono County approval to create permanent adverse visual impacts. Now the proponent seeks to expand the project and create significant new visual impacts that will affect highway travelers and Mono Lake visitors every day. All visual impacts should be evaluated, and mitigated, at once—not in pieces.
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**In conclusion:**

Long term impacts on what this area has to offer the visitor would be bad as the current plan stands.

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