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Dear Penny,

The history of the US government was to take care of and make productive the land in the west they acquired in creating the United States. The challenges were to the central western and western parts not near the oceans. The government made incentives to get people into these areas such as the great basin area. There was surveying of land where the squatters settled so that the squatters could get clear title of the land and water used to develop the land and make it a real part of the US.

The Taylor Grazing Act was created to achieve clear ownership of the grazing rights of the livestock users. This was done both for the livestock owners, and to protect and make the lands improved and be productive.

The BLM was created to achieve these goals. The BLM worked very hard to achieve this for many years. My first years of using grazing land, the BLM people worked very hard to protect the land and improve it for livestock and wildlife. BLM's goals were good for the environment as a whole.

It now appears that other issues have made the BLM become distracted from care of the lands and its productivity. Letting horse herds grow and destroy land is much worse than the history of over-grazing of livestock for example.

The horses will be a minor example compared to what a large pipeline taking large amounts of water on an inter-basin transfer will do.

It is clear that SNWA's pipeline is for at least two major options. Those pushing hardest for the pipeline want it for growth in Las Vegas and the money they will make with the growth.

The second reason for the pipeline is for when the growth and drought create such a need for water for the people. To survive, any water that in any way can be put in the pipeline will need to be sent.

This clearly shows the potential to devastate the land and environment on a large part of east central Nevada.

The BLM's history and obligations would say there should be no consideration of a large pipeline for inter-basin transfer allowed.

There can be no other considerations but that this can be a huge land devastation.

The Lincoln Count bill should not even make a need for consideration of a large pipeline into White Pine County.

Sincerely
Dean Baker