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B.L.M. Groundwater Development Project
Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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After consulting with my board of directors, as president of Paxton Mineral Corporation, which owns private mineral rights on 80,000+ acres of private and public lands in Utah and Colorado, I wish to comment on prospective negative impacts on mineral holdings which we own in Millard (the Pahvant Valley, which is a neighboring valley to the Snake Valley, and the Pahvant Mountain Range), Beaver, Sevier, and Piute Counties in Utah. We believe that if the proposed Great Basin Pipeline of the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) were to be built it would cause environmental impacts, in the aforementioned areas of the Great Basin, that would severely impair if not preclude exploration, development, and production of gas, oil, and minerals, which is vital to national economic prosperity and homeland security. Because of the proximity of the Snake Valley to large areas of our mineral holdings, we oppose water being taken from Snake Valley aquifers by SNWA. Recent evidence that Spring Valley aquifers and Snake Valley aquifers are interconnected mandates our opposition to water being taken from Spring Valley aquifers. We view making the Spring Valley or any other valley of the Great Basin a sacrifice area devoted to water mining by SNWA as an unacceptable alternative to anything that might be proposed or done.

Because of recent evidence that aquifers in the Snake and Spring Valleys and Fish Springs in Juab County, Utah, are interconnected and the total lack of evidence that all of the aquifers in the Great Basin are not interconnected, we oppose the total SNWA Great Basin Pipeline project reasoning that it could have significant impact on our mineral rights in the Pahvant and other valleys in Millard and Beaver Counties, the Pahvant and Tusher Mountain Ranges, and Great Basin areas in Sevier and Piute Counties.

I live in Kanosh, Millard County, Utah, and wish to protect my personal home. Our corporation is vitally interested in insuring the health, wellbeing, safety, and living and working environment of anyone who we might employ. We oppose destroying thousands of acres of wetlands, hundreds of springs, hundreds of miles of streams, and hundreds of thousands of acres of vegetation. Adding tens of thousands of tons of windblown dust containing radioactive materials deposited downwind from earlier above ground nuclear testing in Southern Nevada to our environment on an annual basis is unacceptable. We support and encourage environmentally friendly and responsible gas, oil, and mineral, exploration, development, and production; and we support mining; but we do not support SNWA being allowed to pump and pipe our present and future away while destroying our environment in the process

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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