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**To:** BLM\_NV\_NVSO\_GWProjects  
**Subject:** Snake Valley groundwater pumping

I am writing to voice my concerns about the proposed pumping of groundwater in Snake Valley to Las Vegas. Snake valley is in the middle of the desert, and as such has no water to spare. Pumping this water out would almost certainly destroy the area's ecosystem. Ranchers and Goshute Indians in the area depend on this limited water for their way of life. Springs in the area are also critical to maintaining healthy populations of Bonneville Cutthroat Trout, the state fish of Utah and a onetime endangered species list candidate. The dust storms created by the death of vegetation and drying of springs in the area would also cause health problems for people in a wide area, likely including the Salt Lake City area. In short, Nevada's shortsighted depletion of desert aquifers, a valuable and slow to renew resource, would cause problems for people and the environment in both Nevada and Utah. This project must not be allowed to proceed.