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Penny Woods
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RE: DEIS Groundwater Development Project

Dear Ms Woods,

I ask that you choose the "No Action Alternative" and deny the right-of-way for this ill-conceived and destructive project.

Rampant, irresponsible development in the Las Vegas area and an unwillingness to institute stringent water-conservation measures (as Los Angeles has done), is why Las Vegas foresees a water shortage; allowing the Groundwater Development Project to proceed, only rewards and perpetuates, such irresponsibility and shortsightedness.

Furthermore, allowing such massive access to the Great Basin's irreplaceable and vital groundwater, is certain to have enormous, adverse consequences for the natural environment of the Great Basin and its inhabitants; your DEIS touches upon some of those consequences, but inadequately so.

Please, act responsibly towards Nevada's environment and the lands under BLM's purview and, deny the right-of-way.

Sincerely,