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Penny Woods, Project Manager
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Dear Ms. Woods:

Re: DEIS Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties Groundwater Development Project (GWDP).

I support the No Action Alternative and request BLM select this alternative as well as deny the SNWA request for a Right of Way. It is premature for the BLM to select an alternative when actual well sites, economic viability and total resources analyses have not been provided fully and accurately. The GWDP would adversely affect my property, spring, and perennial stream in southern Snake Valley and ability of our family to survive in future years with the groundwater pumping.

The DEIS fails to analyze economic feasibility of the GWDP and the direct and indirect financial costs and lost opportunity costs for rural communities, including ranchers permittees, and citizens living in the project area and adjacent impacted areas. How can you make a decision without essential information on the resources, economics, and SNWA specific project data which is lacking in the DEIS. The law governing BLM management provides for the protection of public land environments when projects occur not for irreversibly harmful projects like SNWA's.

BLM should not issue a final decision until all the "unknowns" and "uncertainties" are addressed in the DEIS. BLM should support the No Action Alternative to protect public lands and their resources from the irreversible and irretrievable harm of the GWDP.

Sincerely,



Donald A. Duff