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Subject: Proposed water pipeline from Northern NV Conties to Las Vegas

TO: Bureau of Land Management, State of Nevada: Attn: Penny Woods
Subject: **Proposed Water Pipeline from Northern NV Counties to Las Vegas**

Dear Director of BLM Bob Abbey and Nevada BLM Officials:

As a frequent visitor to northern Nevada I strongly object to the proposed water pipeline to extract all the ground water from Northern NV counties and deliver it to Las Vegas. This fatally flawed proposed project makes **no sense** socially, economically or environmentally **and** the right-of-way must **NOT BE APPROVED** by the BLM.

In the first place drawing that much water from arid northern Nevada will ruin the ecosystems there severely impacting local animal species and it will **ruin** the ranchers. How dare you even consider that. And this will affect special public lands including high mountain wilderness, 5 national wildlife refuges, 4 state wildlife refuges, 7 state parks, and the crowning gem Great Basin National Park

How can the proposed cost, estimated to be between 4 and 15 billion, even be justified to feed the fancy fountains of Las Vegas. Vegas needs to learn to conserve and adapt. People have warned for years that the growth there was not sustainable.

And it's frightening The BLM itself has estimated that the DUST created by sucking out all the underground water and springs would generate untold hundreds of tons more particulate pollution. A recent op ed by Dr. Brian Moench, president of the Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment in the Salt Lake Tribune warned about the toxic metals that would be in that dust. He warned of increased respiratory illness and an upward death rate from the polluted air impacts on the heavily populated Salt Lake City and other towns of the Wasatch Front.
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Our precious public lands are irreplaceable and must not be sacrificed for greed and money. Our people are irreplaceable and those in Northern Nevada and the populous areas of Utah should not be sacrificed for greed and money.

I strongly urge the BLM to summarily deny the ROW for this outrageous proposal.

Please put this letter into the official record.

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Congresswoman Jackie Speier