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Here are some topics to help you comment on the DEIS. As residents and friends of the Great Basin, you know your community, the land and its resources. It is best to connect your comments to the DEIS, by page, section, or topic. Everyone: please ☑ the UNDERLINED statements along with the topics you choose. Thanks!

☑ Request a 90 day extension on the DEIS comment period. It's only fair; they had 6 years to prepare.
☑ Tell BLM you support the No Action alternative, which is the only one that conforms to BLM's mission: "to sustain the health diversity and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations." BLM should not approve a project that will impose harmful irreversible and irretrievable impacts on public lands and resources.
☑ Demand a Supplemental EIS that addresses impacts from specific well locations.
☐ DEIS fails to disclose project costs and sources and cost of funding.
☑ DEIS fails to adequately assess the purpose and need for project.
☑ Ask BLM to delay decisions because of large number of "unknowns" and "uncertainties" (no SNWA water rights, no well-site locations, no NV/UT shared water agreement...)
☑ DEIS fails to analyze potential environmental effects due to climate change
☑ All of the action alternatives will result in future efforts by SNWA to fill the 96 inch pipe with water from Snake Valley, the rest of White Pine County, Eureka County, Elko County and beyond.
☑ Approval of any alternative other than the "No Action" alternative would conflict with the BLM's duties under NEPA and FLPMA.
☑ DEIS fails to analyze environmental impacts of actual well locations for "distributed pumping"
☑ Predicted massive land subsidence area of 5 ft. + is an unacceptable irreversible impact of unlawful groundwater mining.
☑ DEIS projects unacceptable adverse impacts on hundreds of existing surface and groundwater rights.
☑ DEIS does not consider a sufficient range of alternatives.
☑ DEIS provides inadequate analysis of socioeconomic impacts but still shows that impacts will put ranchers out of business and depopulate rural areas.
☐ DEIS has inadequate, ineffective or missing mitigation measures.
☐ DEIS inadequately analyzes impacts to sacred sites, cultural resources of American Indian Tribes.
☑ DEIS fails to take a hard look at indirect & cumulative impacts, including future local development.
☑ Proposed action would lead to major loss of game species; extinction of rare plant & animal species.
☑ DEIS provides insufficient information on impacts to Fish Springs NWR and Deep Creek Valley.
☑ DEIS provides insufficient information on impacts to Steptoe Valley.
☑ DEIS fails to adequately analyze adverse impacts on and mitigation for ✓ ranching ✓ wildlife habitat ✓ local businesses ✓ wild horses ✓ Other _____.
☑ DEIS provides insufficient justification for failing to study drawdowns of less than 10 feet and impacts only to 200 years after build-out when the SNWA Pipeline project is intended to operate indefinitely.
☑ **Let BLM and SNWA know you oppose this risky and expensive scheme to mine water in the Great Basin.**

Your comments here: Include name & address, and mail to BLM c/o P. Woods, PO Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520. Deadline is Oct 11. BLM: Please address comments checked above. Here are some more comments:

A community should only grow as far as they can substain themselves in their local area. Surrounding communities are no less important and their survival no less important. We do not exsist because of Las Vegas, we were here far before they were anyones dream. That area should make appropriate cut backs and adjustments to help them selves.

Access more details and a sample comment letter: http://greatbasinwater.net/pubs/cmt2011-1.doc

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