

BLM_NV_NVSO_GWProjects

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To: BLM_NV_NVSO_GWProjects
Cc: 'Ronni'
Subject: Do Not Approve SNWA Application for Las Vegas Pipeline

I'm writing on behalf of the more than 5,000 members and supporters of Great Old Broads for Wilderness, a national advocacy organization that uses the voices and activism of elders to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands. We give voice to the millions of Americans who want wild places preserved for future generations.

It is imperative that the BLM chose the NO ACTION alternative and deny the Las Vegas Pipeline for a myriad of reasons. Harvesting ancient, un-replenished water from aquifers to slack the wasteful thirst of unsustainable urban growth is NOT something the federal government should be supporting, especially given the unknowns to wildlife, plants and entire ecosystems from the removal of this water. The native plants and animals and the hardy humans who have carved a living out of these already harsh landscapes do not deserve to be condemned to a waterless future. How will climate change affect these areas in time much less with the depletion of this critical aquifer.

There needs to be other alternatives considered than to mindlessly go forward with yet another water boondoggle that taxpayers will be left picking up the human and ecological costs for generations or longer. Let Las Vegas find other solutions to its water woes.

Do your job and adequately safeguard the public's resources for the greater good.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I hope for a change these comments and others will make a real difference to the outcome.

Sincerely,

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