

Rafter Lazy C Ranch

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Dear Mr. King,

We have owned and operated our ranch in Snake Valley since 1973. Since that time we have noticed many changes here in the valley. When we came here there were many springs and seeps on our land. Most all of these seeps and springs have dried up or support only a little green grass and weeds where there use to be flowing water. This steady drying trend has without a doubt dropped the water table and is continuing to do so.

Corresponding with that same period of time, there has been a very rapid and continued growth in agricultural irrigation. As an example, there are 9 pivots here in Callao along with many side-roll wheel lines and some hand lines. The 9 pivots alone use about 1,000 gpm. If the water necessary to run these pivots were to be put into one stream, it would qualify as a river in this country.

Most importantly, the science that has been done by the USGS and others indicates a near certainty that Spring Valley contributes very necessary water to Snake Valley- Snake Valley being a thousand feet lower than Spring Valley.

From a common sense point of view with our meager amount of precipitation, it should be glaringly obvious that there is no surplus water in the Great Basin. Please do what is necessary and refuse to allot any water for interbasin transfers to Southern Nevada.

Finally, it is becoming obvious that under the present economic circumstances that with careful use of the water they now have, there is now reason to believe that Southern Nevada needs our water.

Sincerely,

Cecil C. Garland



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