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Ms. Joseph-Taylor,

I feel the "No Action" alternative is the only option the BLM could select in regards to the SNWA Clark, Lincoln and White Pine Counties Groundwater Development Project to conform with the agency's mission "to sustain the health diversity and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations." I have never before written a comment on any issue, but I feel so strongly about this issue as a concerned citizen that I had no choice but to add my voice to the debate. I am concerned about the proposed project's effects on Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge as well as on Deer Creek Valley; I feel the DEIS provides insufficient information on the effects to these areas. Approval of any alternative other than the "No Action" alternative would conflict with the BLM's duties under NEPA and FLPMA.

I am in firm opposition to this expensive scheme that would put the ecosystem of the Great Basin region along the Utah-Nevada border at great risk.

Thank you for considering the concerns of environmentally conscious citizens like myself in your decision on this project.

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