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RE: Comments to the Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Study

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very concerned with the current proposed solar site in Dry Lake Valley North. I am the grandson of Kenneth Lytle, and I run cattle with him on his allotment in this valley. The Simpson allotment and all of the proposed area to the north of it is our entire winter range. If this grazing area is turned into a place for solar development, we lose our entire herd and would be pushed out of business. I am a sixth-generation rancher of Lytle Ranches, and my son would become a seventh-generation rancher. We have been using this valley for over 100 years.

We also own several water rights in this valley and have made many range improvements over the past 100 years. I believe that a developer would have to compensate us heavily if he or she were to choose this area for a solar site because of the recent decision made in the Wayne Hage case. Most importantly, however, would be the valuable loss of vegetation in the area since it represents one of the best white sage locations in the state of Nevada. White sage is a very delicate plant that is easily destroyed and that can not be reintroduced. Once this valuable range is destroyed, it is ruined forever.

The ranchers in this area also contribute significantly to the economic survival of Lincoln County. For over 150 years the ranchers in this area of Dry Lake Valley North have played a big role in contributing to the welfare of this county.

At a recent meeting at the Caliente BLM, ranchers and government representatives met and outlined alternate areas for solar that would have few, if any, impacts on all aspects involved. I urge you to reconsider the areas you have outlined for solar if they affect grazing rights whatsoever. This state needs to keep these grazing grounds intact for the future needs of our country. Everyday, ranchers across the United States are selling out to developers for the huge price tag attached to their lands. The number of ranchers, especially the small rancher, is declining rapidly. Please don't add to this demise.

Sincerely,

Jason Lloyd