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## Snake Valley Public Meeting

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Utah State Water Engineer and Staff,

Once again, thank you so much for coming out to Snake Valley and holding the public water meeting.

I would like to comment on the proposal/recommendation from the BLM to limit the issuing of water permits in the two areas, according to the map they showed, where most of the population is. Other than the private land that is owned along that thin corridor, the rest of the land that surrounds that corridor on both sides and both ends, is managed by the BLM. Ninety percent of the land that was included on their map is managed by them. Currently, they are restricted in issuing Desert Land Entries and they cannot sell parcels of land in Snake Valley because of the military air space. If the State Engineer agreed to limiting or not allowing any more water rights be given to applicants along this corridor, it would end growth for those who live here or want to live here in the future.

Snake Valley has been discovered as a place to enjoy solitude, dark night skies, a lot of BLM land to ride motorcycles, ATV's, jeeps etc on, numerous hiking opportunities and to visit Great Basin National Park. There is currently not the infrastructure needed in this area to accommodate all of the visitors. Nor is there the people available to take care of the visitors. Our question to the County Commissioners has been, how do you grow a town or city? IF there was growth, which there needs to be, it would most certainly be along the corridor that the BLM proposes to close. We believe that growth is inevitable and we will most certainly need water.

My recommendation is to continue limiting applications to one per entity and allow new applications to be filed upon only after certification of the previous application.

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Thank you,

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