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Dear Project Manager:

Please read! Our family is pleading with you to keep Lake Mead open to motorized vehicles and make a better plan and option than what this proposed so far. We need a much improved plan to option 1 of NPS.

The economic devastation to Boulder City will be catastrophic. The city will become a ghost town and it will destroy the livelihood of most all of Boulder City.

The town has been strengthened and built up by the boating community. They are the lifeline, economically, to Boulder City. People will just pick up and leave and sell their homes and property and move away and businesses will be forced to shutdown. It will ruin lives if you take away the ability to let motorized boats be on the lake. It really will, if you consider it in all actuality, the boating community has made Boulder what it is.

The tourists come to the lake by the droves to boat and play and have fun with their boats. There's truly only a handful that are there each week using kayaks. We're glad the kayaks are out there too, but that's maybe 10 people a week compared to hundreds and hundreds of motorboats that use the lake each week and use all the services in Boulder City from restaurants to boat repairs to gasoline to endless other services and confession services that will dry up and die with the boating community is kicked out.

We have planned to live in a Boulder City our whole lives and it has been our goal to live there and recreate on the lake with our children and grandchildren. We want to take them out on our motorized boat and show them all the beauty of the lake and create memories and experiences that cannot be done just on a kayak. We want to take them on the boat like we have done with our parents and grandparents and experience the lake like that. Because of this, we purchased land and plan on building our forever home in Boulder city and having our children come and move out there and bring their children to. If the lake does not let motorized vehicles come, we will not come to Boulder city. We will sell our land and our homes and not bring our family there there will be no point, and we will be one of thousands that leave Boulder city.

It is so important to us that the lake remain open, and that VOR fixes the levels and doesn't let so much water out of the lake. We know it can be done, and this can be accomplished. All of that water doesn't need to be sold to California. It can stay in Nevada where it belongs in our lake. The lake doesn't have to be as high as it was. There is still plenty of water in it and plenty of water for us to recreate with our motorized vehicles. We know that there are definitely an excess of funds that can be used to maintain and improve the ramps even at a low level. There were over 7 million people that visited the national Park of Lake Mead last year more than double of what goes to the Grand Canyon so we know the funds are sufficient and just need to be allocated to help us.

Please allocate these funds. Don't let other people tell you that California needs more water. Nevada has done everything to do their part to save water and be conservative. This is important to Nevada. This is crucial to the lives of thousands and thousands. This will destroy Boulder city and destroy a part of Nevada that is

near and dear to our hearts. As representatives of the people we beg and plead for you to listen to the people and not some government officials that are sneaking in trying to tell you that something else needs to happen to our lake. It seems like it is part of a bigger sneaky plan and no one will consider the peoples voices. That is why we are sending these emails to you so that you know that the people whom you serve definitely do not want the lake to be close to motorized vehicles we need an option that is better than option one to keep the lake open and to keep Boulder city of vibrant, happy wonderful community and the other parts of Nevada like Henderson

and Las Vegas who also have countless businesses that derive monetary help by serving the people that go on the lake with their boats. Please do not take this away from their livelihoods that they have worked so hard at.

Sincerely,
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