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Dear Project Manager:

The LMNRA is a really important resource for residents and businesses of southern NV. Eliminating or curtailing it in its current format would be a terrible failure of those people elected to represent and serve the interests of these constituents and these areas. It would appear the main reason for the crisis is budgetary, though I suspect an undue amount of the blame is being placed at the feet of "falling water levels" for political expedience. The water allocation in the river system is chronically mismanaged as are the funds granted by congress for the NPS, BOR and DOI; and since congress routinely spends hundreds of billions of dollars in Eastern Europe and elsewhere with ZERO ACCOUNTABILITY OF IT WHATSOEVER, the idea that our representatives and senators would let the NPS demolish the culture of recreational use of the lake that actually serves the people and communities of the American southwest because it's poorly FUNDED is particularly offensive.

There's an opportunity for an easy win here, of course, similar to Harry Reid's strategic advocacy against the Yucca Mountain plan in the early 2000s. Be the representative, senator, or agency to champion saving the rec area for the millions of people that use it and the 300+ million dollars it brings to local communities, and be seen as a hero to those communities, even ones that vote from across the aisle.

There are multiple groups and individuals who have proposed sustainable and reasonable solutions to maintaining recreational infrastructure and managing water levels of the reservoirs on the Colorado River. These plans, ideas, and options should be explored in earnest, as well as a sober and objective look at internal cuts that can and should be made within the park service and bureau of reclamation to free up funds that can be used SERVING THE PEOPLE OF NEVADA and a rec area that has been used and beloved for almost 100 years now.

If this precious resource is allowed to be shuttered, it would be a terrible shame and a huge mark of failure for all those elected and unelected people who oversaw its shuttering.

Sincerely,

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