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## Dear Project Manager:

As a business owner in Boulder City, we depend on boater and lake traffic to support our businesses, our community and feed our families. How would this save the NPS money? If there is no boating, there are no daily and annual parking passes being sold.

I believe we are focusing on the wrong problem. It doesn't matter if the drought is caused by Mother Nature, or global warming. It's here and we can't change that. What we can change is how we tap into the resources that are plentiful.

I have 2 solutions.

- 1) We build desalination plants along the coast, specifically California to support their water problem.
- 2) We build an infrastructure of pumps, and pipelines that move water back and forth across the country where its needed. If we can pump oil and gas from Alaska to the west coast and from Canada to Texas. We can pump water across the US.

Our country experiences massive flooding and massive drought, why not come up with a viable solution to fix both.

If we can send Billions of dollars to other countries, we can spend billions of dollars in our own country.

Sincerely,

James Hughes