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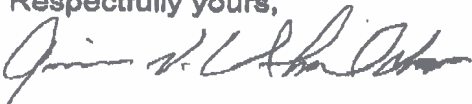
Dear Mr. Bishop:

I am writing to submit comments to the Department of Energy (DOE) regarding the expansion of the Rail Alignment Environmental Impact Statement to include a study of the Mina Rail Corridor in addition to the Caliente Rail Corridor.

The proposed Caliente Rail Corridor currently passes through Garden Valley (Lincoln County), within near proximity of our ranch and grazing allotments. This route will totally annihilate our way of life and means of preserving it. It will devastate the valleys we live in which have had little intervention by human kind up to this point in time. We have made this clear by participating in public scoping sessions and have written extensive comments to the DOE stating our opposition to such incredible waste of taxpayer dollars and negative effects on our environment.

We feel if such a worthless project must take place, we would support the Mina Rail Corridor, which will follow existing roads and rail lines, thus lessening the damage to the environment and peoples livelihoods.

Respectfully yours,



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