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Re: News Article, Press Dispatch 5-5-00
Subject: Cadiz Pipeline

I read the above-mentioned article with much concern. While I realize the need for more water sources, it seems we will be cutting off our noses despite our faces implementing the plan mentioned without much more diligent research and fact finding.

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Selling only the amount of "projected" rainfall, which is an exaggeration, seems a bit shortsighted. Although there are many technologies to estimate the rainfall, Mother Nature does not always come through according to Man's expectations.

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I am concerned for the important resources of the preserve. I recall that a few years ago more than 30 bighorn sheep perished due to the lack of water because of changes in their particular area.

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I concur with Mary Martin, superintendent for Mojave National Preserve, that the environmental report is "technically flawed and does not portray an adequate description of potential impacts and must be revised".

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I urge you to reconsider approving this proposal as it stands and implement the necessary changes to protect our water and all other resources without any major impact.

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One more item, why is the comment deadline so quick after a subject is published in the media. It does not make for good relations with the public that are the most concerned, and, perhaps have not had a chance to read about the subject. Is it because the agencies rely on this fact knowing that the comments will not arrive in a timely manner? I find this is fact in most controversial issues. Fortunately, I had a moment to read the news today and, hopefully, the US Post Office will co-operate.

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Sincerely,

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cc: Jerry Lewis (R)