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1 Beowawe and Crescent Valley, Nevada, might be considered townships with small populations even if all the surrounding areas were included. Our land, though, has much natural beauty—good fishing, hunting, colorful spring flowers, canyons in the mountains, green with willows and cottonwood trees and streams winding through. Our children have a great school and a small community to "grow-up."

The Yucca Mountain Project will destroy all of this within 25 years, if not sooner. There will be very little left as radio-activity flows into the air and seeps into the water supplies for both the flora and fauna.

This part of Eureka County, Nevada, has historical sites, too—graveyards that are over 150 years old—a long time for the West. There are many mines and ranches, equally as old.

The Yucca Mountain Project makes me think that the government feels we, and
2 our land, are expendable. I urge you to stop this nuclear waste. Put more money into researching how to accomplish **this, instead of spending millions of tax dollars on railways and research to carry this waste which will destroy our small part of the United States. The Yucca Mountain waste-site project is not going to solve the problem—it will only destroy more land, more communities. In 50 years our government will be looking for another waste-site; more of our great country will be destroyed.**

Stop this Yucca Mountain Project for our generation and future generations.

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