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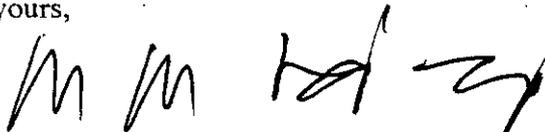
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Response to EIS:

1 I object strenuously to the concept or any ultimate realization of placing a rail-route through Garden Valley, Nevada, into Yucca Mountain. This route is designated in the EIS draft summary as the Caliente Corridor (513 kilometers) and Caliente Chalk Mountain Corridor (345 kilometers). I live in Garden Valley and my life and business would be adversely affected by such a project. Furthermore, I feel it would be economically wasteful to effect such a program as compared to using a truck route over existing roads. Most importantly, it would be environmentally disastrous to an enormous amount of open land and its ecosystem, flora and fauna to effect such an enormous chopping across the state for only 25 years usage. I cannot believe that such a route is seriously being considered. To cause such destruction and despoilment to this land in my opinion is inconceivable and would be condemning forever upon the agencies and individuals that would actually attempt such a project.

Please use the existing and improved road systems and minimize the impact and save this natural land for the future. It is not ours to squander and pillage. I hope you will be considerate of these issues in your final determination.

Very truly yours,



Michael Heizer