

Stop the Attack on Nevada's Drinking Water

Stop the attacks on America's drinking water. 1 in 3 Americans' drinking water sources are at risk now. That includes the drinking water for nearly 24,000 Nevadans. **The Administration has a strong, commonsense plan to make clean water a priority by protecting the sources that feed the drinking water for more than 117 million Americans.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 51% of Nevada's streams and 20 million acres of wetlands nationwide will continue to be at risk from pollution and destruction from development, oil and gas production, and other industrial activities. Stopping this proposal imperils drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.

Truckee River in Verdi, NV



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- **Nearly 24,000 Nevadans** get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **40 miles of streams** that feed into Nevada's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 82% of the stream miles in NV's Source Water Protection Areas, including intermittent, ephemeral, and headwater streams.
- **Thousands of acres of wetlands** that provide flood protection, recharge groundwater supplies, filter pollution, and provide essential wildlife habitat are at risk.

Rule Provides More Economic Benefits than Costs

- **This commonsense proposal restores, but does not expand, the historic coverage of the Clean Water Act.** EPA estimates that the proposed rule would provide **\$388 million to \$514 million annually in benefits** to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater.
- **Protecting small streams and wetlands supports fish and wildlife and Nevada's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$1.2 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Nevada, including \$138 million on fishing, and nearly three-quarters of a million people participated in these recreational activities in Nevada.
- **Nevada's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Nevada breweries contribute more than \$360 million to our economy every year and support more than 5,300 jobs.

Nevada Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **More than 4,000 Nevadans, out of more than 800,000 Americans, expressed support the rule.**
- Groups like the Nevada Wildlife Federation and Southern Nevada Water Authority support clean water.

For more information, please visit protectcleanwater.org.