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Bishop Creek Reservoir Benefits

1. This is one of very few dams with water storage rights.
2. There is value in water for public drinking, agricultural and fire protection.
3. This reservoir would make North Eastern Nevada a destination point for recreationalist and generate needed room tax, sales tax etc.
4. The State Department of Tourism has focused on an "Adventures of the Outback" theme and this development is very conducive to that plan.
5. The Dam will provide recreation opportunities such as fishing, boating, swimming, hunting, camping etc. It may even generate badly needed jobs within the community of Wells, Nevada for support services such as tackle, guides, mechanical parts etc.
6. Water storage upstream will insure continual feed to those users down stream. Conversely, if the water is allowed to free flow in the spring times, there is no ability to conserve for end of summer needs.
7. Water management is essential to ranching and cash crops. In the Wells area, if the ranchers are economically strong, the community will also share the gains.
8. The City of Wells has been working on a comprehensive trails master plan with the Federal Rivers, Trails and Parks staff. We have received a grant and this area is targeted for trails planning and development.
9. Funding spent now is valuable because the dam is non-functional and costs for the future will only go up.