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Mr. Richard W. Booth
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Dear Mr. Booth:

Subject: Comments on the Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region

This letter transmits comments on the Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office. Our comments are based on information provided in a scoping letter sent via email by Ms. Amber Wike, dated August 17, 2012, requesting comments by October 19, 2012.

On page 5 of Table 2 (2012 Triennial Review Topic List), the Susan River Site Specific Objectives are listed. The Susan River provides inflow to Honey Lake. The lands immediately around Honey Lake and the lake bottom, during low water years, provide habitat for the endangered Carson wandering skipper (CWS; *Pseudocopaeodes eunus obscurus*). While the relationship between water quality and CWS habitat is not fully understood, the Service is concerned with (1) possibly lowering water quality standards in the Susan River, and (2) the possible alternatives and their potential effects to the CWS and its habitat.

On page 6 of Table 2, the incorporation of both the Antelope Valley and Mojave Basin salt and nutrient management plans into the Basin Plan is mentioned. As part of the description, the consideration of revising the groundwater objectives to account for expected changes in salt and nutrients is mentioned. How would these revisions impact beneficial uses?

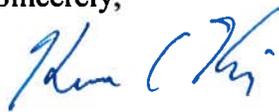
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We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the Water Quality Control Plan. If you have any questions, please contact me or Kerensa King at (775) 861-6300.

Sincerely,

for 

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State Supervisor