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Thank you for the League of Women Voters (LWV) of the San Bernardino Area's invitation for Nestle Waters North America Inc. (NWNNA) to participate in a LWV study on January 29 concerning the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) proposal to renew NWNNA's special use permit for a right-of-way over the San Bernardino National Forest. It is wonderful that you are researching and thinking about water policy and resource management, especially in the wake of persistent drought and unpredictable flooding in California.

NWNNA uses the right-of-way for a four-inch pipeline that conveys spring water across the San Bernardino National Forest to a collection point on private land. The water is bottled by NWNNA as Arrowhead® Mountain Spring Water, which has been enjoyed by Californians for more than 121 years.

NWNNA encourages public participation in the permit renewal process and, as you may know, the USFS issued a public notice in March 2016 and invited comment on its proposal. While the public comment period officially closed on May 2, 2016, the comments submitted can be viewed here - <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//ReadingRoom?Project=48530>. In addition, I have also attached a copy of NWNNA's comments to the USFS proposal to this e-mail.

Because NWNNA is the permit applicant, the public comment period has officially closed and the permitting process is on-going, NWNNA must regretfully decline your invitation to participate in the study. We look forward to working through the permit renewal process and continuing to provide a trusted, efficient, high-quality source of natural hydration to Californians -- including by working with the California Office of Emergency Services, the Red Cross, AmeriCares, and

several local authorities to provide bottled water to first responders after a natural disaster, catastrophic event, or any situation in which the ability to deliver local water supply is compromised.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Switzer', is positioned above the typed name.

Nelson Switzer  
Vice President & Chief Sustainability Officer