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Answers

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*21% of the earth’s freshwater … the largest freshwater system on earth.*

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*Citizens that live in the GLR have rights to use the resource*

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*A water bottling company as a subsidiary of Nestle. Top 10% in U.S.*

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*Would you let a foreign company move into your area creating jobs as well as taking large amounts of local water? What are the pros and cons in this situation?*

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*Ice Mountain (and other companies) bottle water from the Great Lakes Region (GLR) and sells it back mainly in the GLR. There are few government regulations on bottled water … so what are you really getting.*

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*They are limited to 218 gallons per minute (formerly there was no limit). 216,000 gallons per day*

**Who gave Ice Mountain permission to divert this water?**

*DNR/DEQ*

**What other large venues use water in the Great Lakes Region?**

*Golf courses, Farms, Industry, Homes*

**What environmental impact does taking away large amounts of freshwater have on a region?**

*Aquifer destruction (compaction of pore space)*

*Lowering of the water table – local wells can go dry*

*Elevation of stream temperatures – trout need cool temps to live and breed*

*Beauty – An industrial plant can take away from the natural beauty of the area in many ways.*

**How many people in the world are without clean, drinking water? Where will this water come from?**

*Over one billion people lack drinking water. Some attempts have been made to purify water in underdeveloped countries, but most water is shipped from freshwater sources like the GLR.*

**Do you think the amount of freshwater is an important issue?**

*Water issues are becoming a great concern world-wide.*

*Drought stricken areas of the world want drinking water. The Southwest and California would like to have Great Lakes Water. So do other countries.*

*Some people estimate that 50% of the world will need freshwater within the next couple decades.*

*Become an informed voter when it comes to water use and policy.*