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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

JAMES RUHLMANN, et al.,	)	Case No. 2:14-cv-00879-RFB-NJK
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Plaintiff(s),	)	<b>ORDER</b>
	)	
v.	)	(Docket No. 247)
	)	
GLENN RUDOLFSKY, et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendant(s).	)	

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Pending before the Court is Defendants’ motion to seal an exhibit consisting of a settlement agreement. Docket No. 247. When a party seeks sealing of an exhibit, it must file that exhibit under seal and contemporaneously file a motion to seal it. *See* Local Rule IA 10-5(a). The settlement agreement has not been filed. Moreover, the motion to enforce settlement itself discusses aspects of the settlement agreement and includes settlement-related discussions of counsel. *See* Docket Nos. 246, 246-1. The motion to seal fails to explain why it is proper to seal a settlement agreement that is at the heart of the motion to enforce settlement, and aspects of which are publicly disclosed in that underlying motion. *Cf.* Local Rule 16-5 (“In the event of a dispute to enforce a settlement agreement, the court may order the disclosure of confidential information”).

Accordingly, the motion to seal is **DENIED** without prejudice. The parties shall confer on whether the settlement agreement should be sealed. To the extent any party believes that it should be, then Defendants shall file a sealed version of the settlement agreement and a separate motion to seal that settlement agreement by December 28, 2017. To the extent Defendants continue to seek sealing of the

1 settlement agreement, they shall file a declaration in support of the motion to seal attesting to the  
2 grounds for sealing. In the event a party other than Defendants is seeking the sealing of the settlement  
3 agreement, that party shall provide Defendants with a declaration attesting to the grounds for sealing by  
4 December 27, 2017, and Defendants shall file that declaration along with the motion to seal.

5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

6 DATED: December 18, 2017

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9 NANCY J. KOPPE  
10 United States Magistrate Judge  
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