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Mr. James Kenna
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Dear Mr. Kenna,

I'm writing to urge permanent conservation status for the Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area (DTRNA) protecting it in perpetuity as a natural area free from the "predations" of mining, vehicle use, grazing, oil and gas leasing, which uses degrade/destroy the already struggling natural flora and fauna still remaining.

Beyond that, as you probably know, DTRNA also has served as a highly significant wildlife research and education "laboratory."

The DRECP "Preferred Alternative" is not a true conservation-based measure and would undermine DTRNA's 50 years of hard, dedicated work to save and preserve irreplaceable desert eco environments.

Sincerely yours,

Richard E. Kettler M.D. Ph.D.