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DRECP BLM, CA Energy Commission

Subject: Help ensure our magnificent California desert is protected for future generations!

Dear DRECP BLM, CA Energy Commission

While I support The Desert Renewable Energy Plan I believe that we should not lose sight of those unique and ecologically sensitive areas. Such special places must be protected and not lost to solar/renewable energy development.

As such I recommend that any lands identified as wilderness quality must be off limits to development. Additionally more areas must be added to the National Conservation Lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management as protection from renewable energy development. This includes the Silurian Valley.

Renewable energy projects must be restricted to so-called "development focus areas" and limited to those areas which are already degraded most suitable and will not adversely impact important wildlife habitat.

Royalties generated from energy development should be returned to the desert in the form of restoration projects.

We can accommodate renewable energy projects while also protecting sensitive desert areas.

Sincerely

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