

Comment on BLM Draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) Preferred alternative for the area around Lone Pine, CA 93545. I object to this plan on the grounds that it would destroy part of the few meadowlands in the area. These meadows are vital for wildlife habitat and dust control in the area. The proposed solar project will create a manmade dust hazard around Lone Pine, requiring costly mitigation. In addition, this project will desecrate unparalleled views that are the hallmark of the Owens Valley.

The proposed solar project would not only reduce valuable undeveloped wildlife habitat, but also create a safety hazard for air traffic at the Lone Pine Airport.

The hazards and destruction caused by this project outweigh any proposed benefits. It is also unrealistic to put solar projects so far from any major city, due to the amount of electricity transport loss.

I do not come to the Owens Valley to see industrial projects excavating one of my favorite places for camping, fishing, wildlife viewing, and hiking. The DRECP Preferred alternative will cause unreasonable harm to the area around Lone Pine, requiring future costly mitigation measures.

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