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Dear DRECP Action Team,

We must protect our remaining desert wildlands. Please protect these important places from development:

1. All areas that have been identified as Lands with Wilderness Characteristics by either the BLM or citizen organizations
2. The Silurian Valley
3. The public lands adjacent to the Big Maria Mountains Wilderness Area
4. The Iron Mountains and Cadiz Valley

In addition to ensuring that the above areas are removed from potential future development areas, I also urge the agency to maximize the reach of the National Conservation Lands and Area of Critical Environmental Concern footprint by including areas identified as lands with wilderness characteristics. Currently, the preferred alternative leaves at least 110,000 acres of citizen-identified wilderness lands out of the conservation reserve network. Particularly, the Sacramento Mountains and Bristol Lake areas are either undesignated for conservation or identified as Future Assessment Areas.

I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the draft documents and look forward to seeing the Desert Renewable Conservation Plan further improve its minimization of conflicts between future energy development and the conservation of our remaining wilderness heritage. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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