

Energy - Docket Optical System

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To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing to express my concern regarding the proposed development of the remaining California desert into a Green Energy Zone. While I applaud and encourage your commitment to this cause I caution to point out that your proposal includes a dramatic closure of current OHV areas (possible entire closure of the area?). Aside from the right to enjoy the desert, this is a very large and job supportive industry which would be detrimentally effected by this. Further, who is responsible to clean up these green energy sources after they reach the end of their life span? Will this be another San Onofre disaster where the cost of clean up is passed on to the rate payers?

I'll leave with this, I'm an avid desert enthusiast who definitely is at odds with a majority of my fellow enthusiasts over environmental issues out there however the more wind mills I see put up out there the more I see the desert being lost forever. You can't enjoy and aren't allowed to enter the areas where the wind mills are – they are big, ugly and noisy. And the solar panels are even worse, they completely and permanently scar the areas they are put in and transform the once natural desert into what could amount to an urban commercial center. So, in our quest to go "green" I ask what is the point if at the end of the day we can't enjoy the remaining natural habitats we are trying to protect? If we completely transform the area into a green energy zone we'll be no better than those who chop down the rain forest to put in sustainable, earth friendly farms. Sure its "good" for the environment but at what cost?

Sincerely,

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