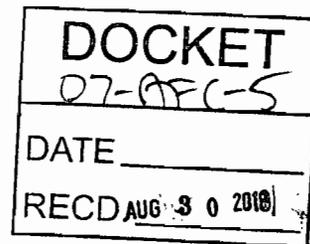


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Dear Dockets Staff

Please docket this email to Ivanpah (07-AFC-5) and include the following in the file name, "FEIS Comments by Brendan Hughes".

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To whom it may concern:

I would like to ask BLM and CEC to deny BrightSource's ROW application to build the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System. The applicant, BLM, and CEC have failed to prove that the benefits of this project outweigh its environmental costs, especially in light of the more practical distributed-solar alternative for securing our energy future. For instance, the applicant only knows that at least 25 tortoises inhabit the site. With more extensive surveys, there may be twice or three times that many tortoises, making this higher-quality tortoise habitat than most of the BLM-designated DWMAs. This is an unacceptable loss for this federally-threatened species, and should not be allowed to go forward. BLM and CEC should only further consider the applicant's proposal when a complete tortoise survey has been conducted. Then we will have all the facts to make a more informed decision.

BLM and CEC need to make a stand now, and make the statement that solar projects will not be allowed on sensitive habitats.

Thank you for your consideration.

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