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Subject

Solar Array near Ocotillo Springs

Mr Stobaugh

Bureau of Land Management

We recently learned about the proposed solar array that would cover a 6200 acre site in a sensitive area of Imperial County near Ocotillo Springs. While we are generally very much in support of developing renewable sources of power as an alternative to fossil fuel powered plants, we are also aware of the great environmental harm that would be done by a facility that would cover 6500 acres of land. Trading the environmental impact of the carbon reduction realized by this type of plant with the shading 6500 acres of desert is not, in our view a reasonable trade-off. We believe solar power can be designed in a more local manner closer to the communities that will be served. Covering 6500 acres of land to generate power for homes and businesses many miles away is not environmentally prudent and also requires considerable infrastructure to transmit the power to these areas.

Please register these comments in opposition to the proposed solar array on environmental grounds.

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