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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

October 31, 2022

Dear California Energy Commission,

I skimmed the Mono County portion of the energy development potential map layers. As a wildlife biologist long familiar with Mono County wildlife resources, there were dozens of polygons proposing development in habitat critical to state and federally listed or proposed species including Swainson's Hawk, sage grouse, etc. Do your due diligence. This is not worth my time to prepare pages and pages of responses to this incomplete document.

As I just mentioned, analysis needs to address impacts to state-listed plant and animal species as well as those listed by US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and other federal agencies.

Additionally, polygons ignored critical avian migratory corridors. For example, the area surrounding Oasis Ranch (designated for solar development) has documented 258 bird species including many neotropical migrants. See: Oasis Ranch, Mono County, CA, US - eBird Hotspot

Regardless of wildlife resources, our Great Basin California lands should be designated for 30 X 30 and/or America the Beautiful, not industrialized with so-called green energy. Tourism -dependent Mono County depends on its viewsheds for economic stability.

Sincerely,

Emilie Strauss