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RE: 2023 Final Land Use Screens for Electric System Planning Staff Report and Web Mapping Application (Docket 21-SIT-01)

Friends of the Inyo (FOI), on behalf of our nearly 1,000 members, submit these comments on the 2023 Land Use Screens for Electric System Planning Staff Report (Land Use Screens) and the Electric System Planning Web Mapping Application (Mapping Tool). Our comments are limited to the lands within the Inyo and Mono Counties in California. FOI is a grassroots non-profit organization based in Bishop, California. Our mission is to ensure the public lands of the Eastern Sierra exist in an intact, healthy natural state for people and wildlife through preservation, stewardship, exploration, and education. Over our 30-year history, FOI has actively engaged with land and water management agencies in the Eastern Sierra, including the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Forest Service (FS), and State Lands Commission.

FOI supports California's co-equal goals in Senate Bill 100 and Executive Order N-82-20 (30x30). We advocate for planning California's energy future that balances the protection of our wildlife and wildlands with responsible renewable energy development. Energy planning tools such as the Land Use Screens and Mapping Tool are essential to effectively plan for energy and protect our wildlife and iconic landscapes.

We appreciate the California Energy Commission (CEC) project team's active engagement with stakeholders and hard work in developing the Land Use Screens and Mapping Tool. Each round of workshops and stakeholder engagement improved the Land Use Screen methodology and

Mapping Tool. We particularly appreciate the inclusion of important data sets for the Eastern Sierra and the Commission staff's tenacity in obtaining the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area boundaries.

At its heart, energy planning is land use planning. The Land Use Screens and Mapping Tool have been vetted by a diverse group of stakeholders to identify the right mix of datasets to address California's energy and environmental goals found in SB 100 and 30x30. We strongly support using the CEC's Land Use Screens for California's energy planning rather than allowing developers and utilities to drive CA's energy future.

We look forward to continued participation in California's renewable energy planning. Please contact Wendy Schneider at [Wendy@friendsoftheinyo.org](mailto:Wendy@friendsoftheinyo.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Schneider". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wendy Schneider  
Executive Director

