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Re: IVANPAH SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a concerned member of a science class at Saint Leo University in Florida. We studied the proposal in class, and I personally question your rationale in approving the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (ISEGS) project. The project, even with the mitigation measures described in the Decision Report, will have remaining significant impacts on the environment that outweigh the benefits.

There is a unique biodiversity in the Mojave deserts and it serves home to one of the largest desert turtle populations in the region and also bisects two major endangered ground squirrels. As such, it has been proven that there are high death rates associated with the relocation of such species. What you need to be focused on is other options in order to save these helpless animals and plants and the ecosystem they survive in.

Personally, I believe that you are moving too fast in approaching to approve these projects and will destroy the desert region along with the rare plants and animals, the ecosystem, and will strain the already scarce water supply. Please understand that there are other options available that will not only provide an energy source, but will help save what is left of mother Earth.

Sincerely,



Erin Davis