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Dear Mr. Bartel:

I would like to comment on the proposed Environmental Impact Statement for the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). The public notice requesting comment states that the DRECP aims to balance desert conservation and renewable energy development in the California desert.

As the owner of Shield F Ranch and holder of the Ord Mountain Allotment, I would like to state that for as long as we have run cattle on the allotment my family has been a good steward of the land. Throughout the years we have been ranching in the Mojave Desert we have restored and enhanced the natural communities that are found on our property and the allotment. Our hard work has benefited cattle and wildlife alike, including bighorn sheep and countless other species. I am convinced that it is because of our diligence at restoring and developing waters throughout our ranch that bighorn sheep have returned in number to the Ord Mountains.

I am concerned about the scope of the DRECP. Over the many years that we have ranched our lands, many have tried to challenge our right to graze cattle on the allotment. While they have not been successful, I am worried that the DRECP will affect my family's ability to continue its way of life into the future. I am opposed to the presence of large-scale renewable energy projects (wind or solar) within the boundaries of our ranching operations. My family is also concerned that the DRECP will be used as another tool to challenge our right to use the allotment.

Therefore, on behalf of my family, I request that the DRECP honors the hard work that we have put into our land and does not site any large renewable energy project that impact our on-going operations or place any restrictions on our ability to use our property and the allotment. We have and continue to be good stewards of both our lands and the BLM lands that make up the Ord Mountain Allotment. We have contributed a great deal to the health of the Mojave Desert and want certainty that we can continue our good work in the future.

Sincerely,



Irene Fisher