

You Don't Have to Choose between a Renewable Energy Future and Protecting Our Desert National Parks. [Docket #, 09-RENEW EO-01]

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Mr. David Harlow
1516 Ninth Street, MS-46
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Dear Mr. Harlow,

I believe that we need to invest in a renewable energy future to help buffer us from the worst impacts of climate change and to enhance our national security. But wind, solar, and geothermal projects can harm wildlife corridors, air quality, water resources, and night skies in our desert national parks including Joshua Tree, Death Valley, and the Mojave National Preserve. These projects should and can be located in a way that doesn't jeopardize our national treasures and gateway communities that depend on recreational tourism.

Please give the highest priority to protecting our desert national parks and other ecologically sensitive areas in the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan. I oppose development Scenarios 4, 5, and 6 because they have unnecessary impacts to desert national parks. Scenarios 4, 5, and 6 would be harmful to iconic desert species like the desert tortoise, bighorn sheep, and the golden eagle. These scenarios would also negatively impact viewsheds in the national parks.

Ecological linkages are also critical in the desert. Please protect these ecological linkages, such as bighorn sheep corridors between Joshua Tree National Park and Palen-McCoy Wilderness area, wide-open landscapes like Silurian Valley, and precious water resources such as those serving desert wetlands like Ash Meadows, Devil's Hole, and the Amargosa River.

Protecting our parks and wildlands preserves California's natural heritage and is also a sound economic investment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Harlow,

Dear Mr. Harlow,
Director
California Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

I believe that we must develop a renewable energy future. However, wind, solar, and geothermal projects can harm wildlife corridors, air quality, water resources, and night skies in our desert national parks including Joshua Tree, Death Valley, and the Mojave National Preserve. These projects can and should be designed and be located in a way that doesn't jeopardize our national treasures and gateway communities that depend on recreational tourism.

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Freedom to roam in search of food and water is also essential for survival in the desert. Migratory corridors are critically important to threatened wildlife, such as bighorn sheep corridors between Joshua Tree National Park and Palen-McCoy Wilderness area, wide-open landscapes like Silurian Valley, and precious water resources such as those serving desert wetlands like Ash Meadows, Devil's Hole, and the Amargosa River.

Protecting our parks and wildlands preserves California's natural heritage and is also a sound economic investment, given the importance of the tourism industry in our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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