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Energy - Docket Optical System

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On a personal note, I grew up near the Oregon high desert and I know the beauty and wonder of desert wildlands. I feel responsible for advocating for all wilderness. The renewable energy should not interfere with the wild..

Thank you.

Sincerely, Phyllis Holliday

Phyllis Holliday
San Francisco California
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