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Re: DRECP NEPA/CEQA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of California and am concerned about California's deserts being overdeveloped or inappropriately developed. I appreciate that the Bureau of Land Management, along with the CEC and other agencies, has issued the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan to attempt to identify areas where energy development in the deserts may be less harmful to plants, wildlife, scenery, recreation and other values, while also identifying places that should never be developed.

However, there are many special places in our deserts that the DRECP does not go far enough to protect from renewable energy development. I ask the BLM to improve the Preferred Alternative of the DRECP by including the following places, in their entirety, in both Areas of Critical Environmental Concern and National Conservation Lands:

- Argos
- Ash Hill
- Big Maria Mountains and surrounding flats
- Bristol Lake
- Cadiz Valley-Iron Mountains
- California Valley
- Coso Range
- Danby Lake
- Knight Canyon
- Malpais Mesa
- McCloud Flat
- Mule Mountains
- Orocopia Mountains
- Osborne Canyon
- Palen Lake
- Pinto Mountains
- Ragtown
- Red Mountain
- Riverside Mountains
- Rodman Mountains
- Sacramento Mountains
- Silurian Valley
- Slate Range
- Snow Canyon
- Valley Mountain
- Vidal
- Whipple Mountains
- Wildrose Wash
- All of Panamint Valley

I also ask the BLM to make the following changes to the Preferred Alternative:

- Make National Conservation Lands off limits to mining and mineral leasing;
- Designate National Conservation Lands as either Visual Resource Management Class I or II, so that approved activities will only cause limited changes to landscape character;
- Retain Areas of Critical Environmental Concern within National Conservation Lands (instead of removing that special management designation), so that there will be an added layer of protection for more specific values within these areas.

Thank you.

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