

DRECP NEPA/CEQA

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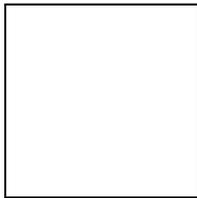
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Nine (9) letters are attached.

Thank you.

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Secondly, I ask the BLM to further improve the Preferred Alternative by removing the following areas (maps are attached) from any Development Focus Area and/or Study Area Land in which they are located; that any Development Focus Area and/or Study Area Land that is located within 500 feet of any of these areas, be decreased in size, so that there is at least a 500-foot buffer zone; and that all of these areas, plus at least a 500-foot buffer zone, be designated as Special Recreation Management Areas. These areas are beloved and important to those of us in the rockhounding community, as we frequent these areas with our families, friends, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, and others to hike, camp, collect, and enjoy the beauty of these places:

- Blythe
- Newbury
- Stoddard Well
- Yermo
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- Cinco
- Brown Butte
- Rosamond (Gem Hill and Tropic Hill)

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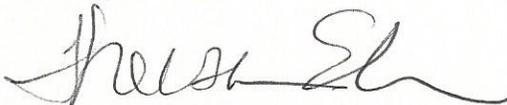
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