

**DRECP NEPA/CEQA**

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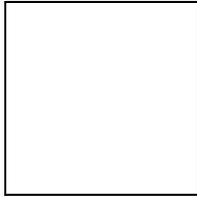
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Letter with maps attached.

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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.

First of all, 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 area
- Danby Lake
- Knight Canyon (Panamint Valley)
- Malpais Mesa
- McCloud Flat
- Mule Mountains
- Orocopia Mountains area
- Osborne Canyon (Panamint Valley)
- Palen Lake
- Pinto Mountains area
- Ragtown
- Red Mountain
- Riverside Mountains area
- Rodman Mountains area
- Sacramento Mountains
- Silurian Valley/Kingston Range
- Slate Range
- Snow Canyon (Panamint Valley)
- Valley Mountain
- Vidal
- Whipple Mountains area
- Wildrose Wash (Panamint Valley)

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:

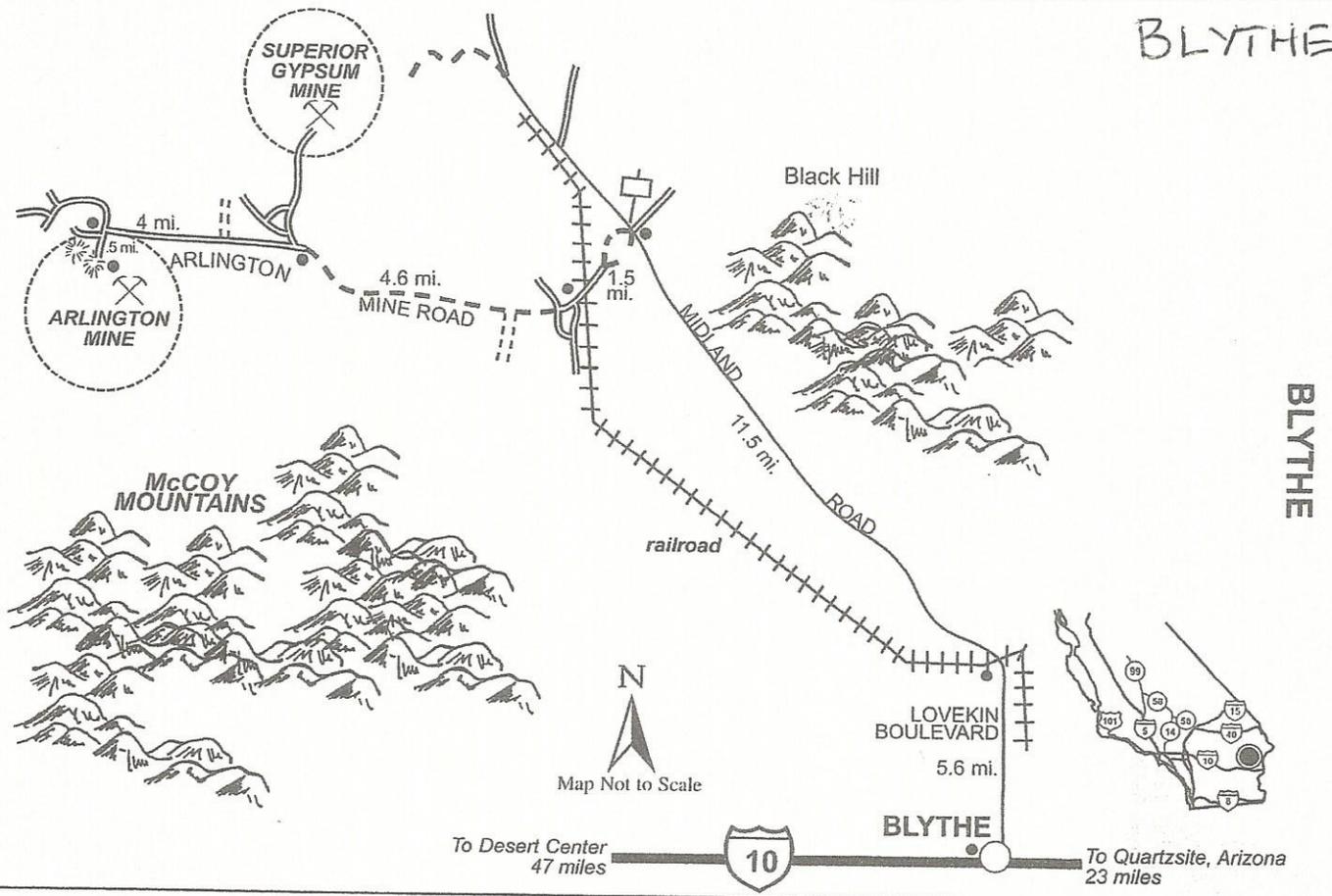
- Blythe
- Newbury
- Stoddard Well
- Yermo
- Sheep Springs
- Cinco
- Brown Butte
- Rosamond (Gem Hill and Tropico Hill)

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

- Recommend to Congress that it make National Conservation Lands off limits to new mining and mineral leases, with the exception of small-scale rockhounding activities;
- 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.

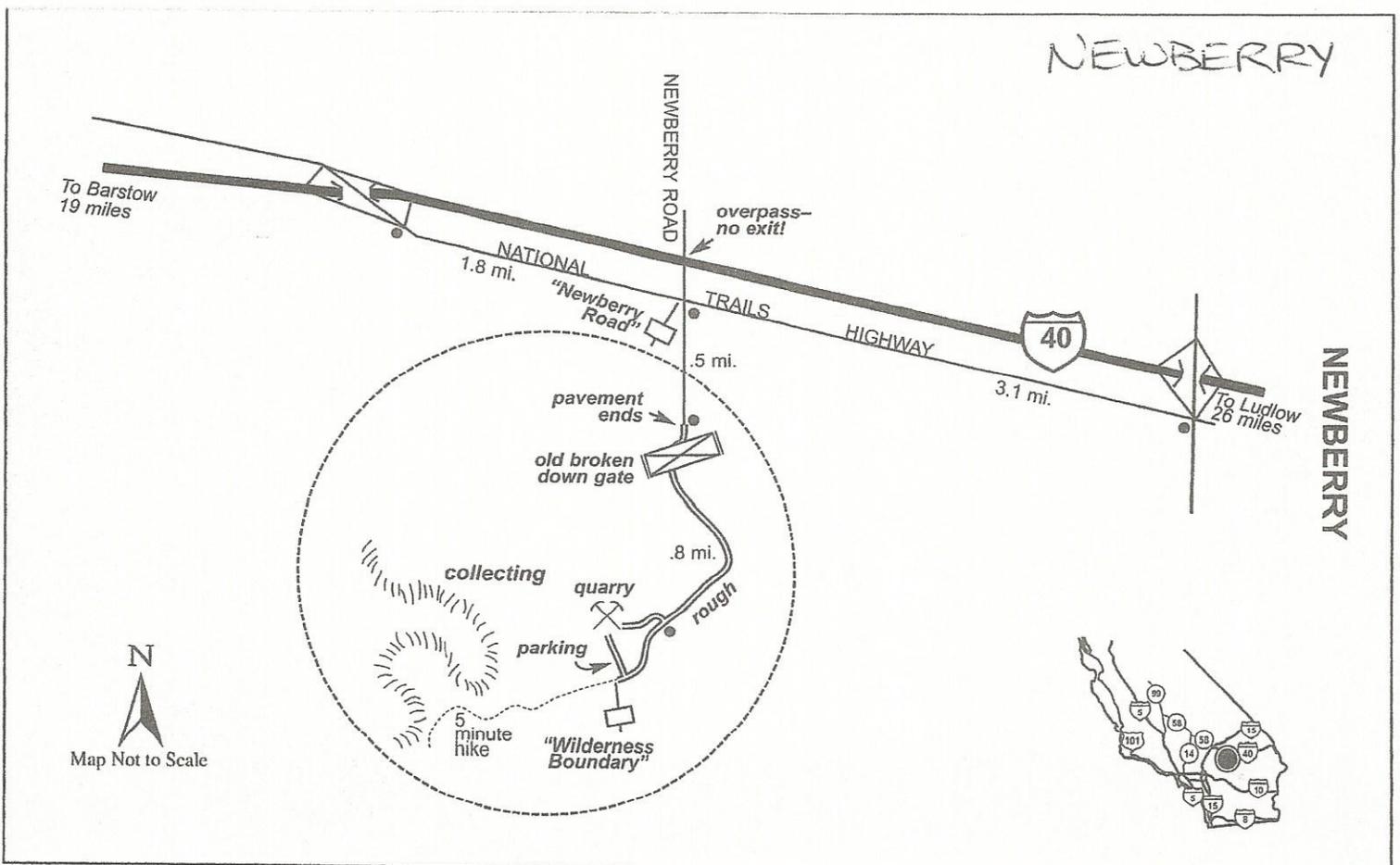
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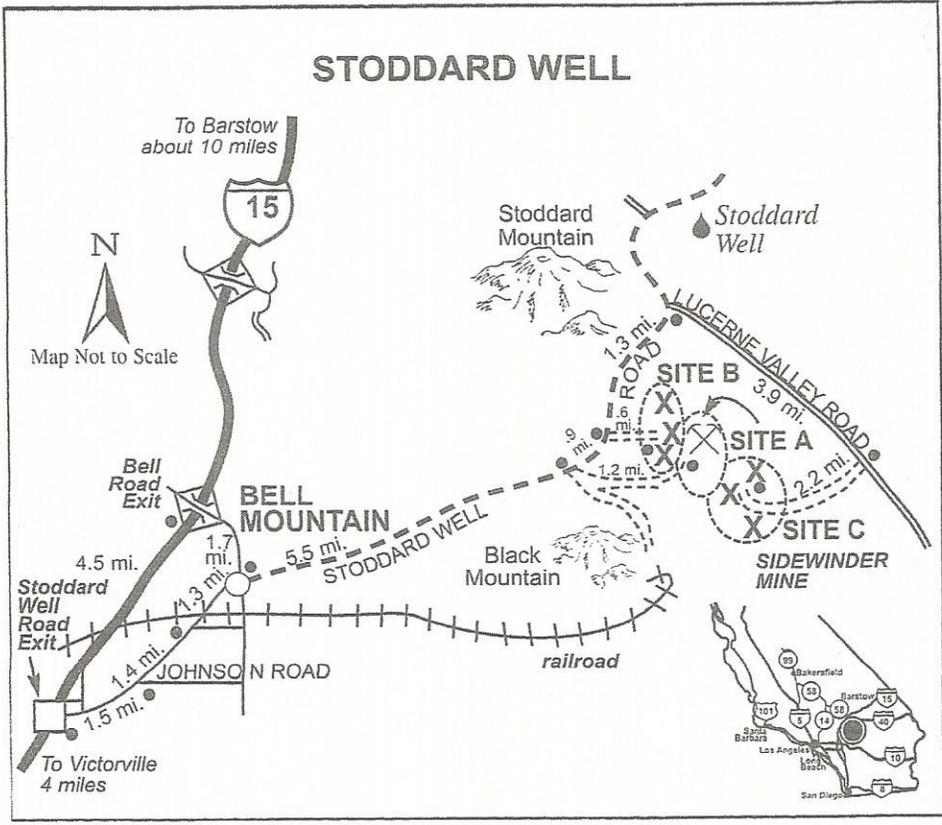
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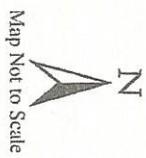
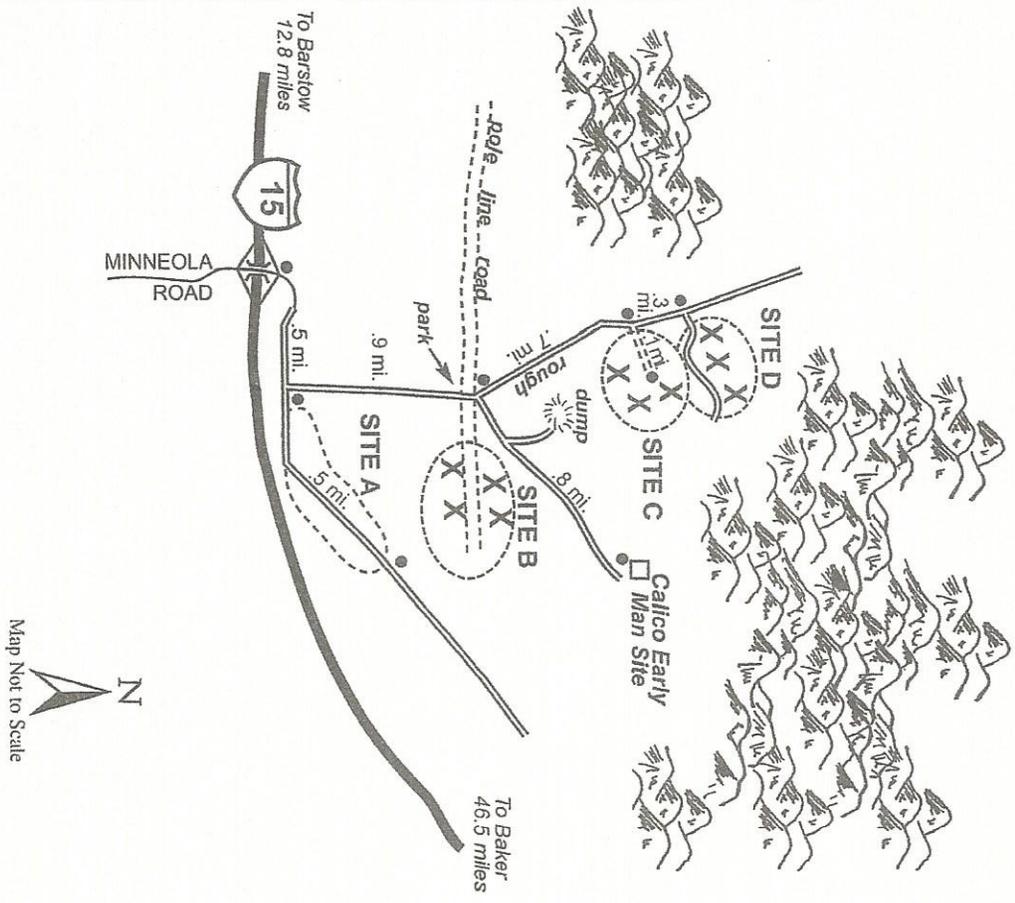


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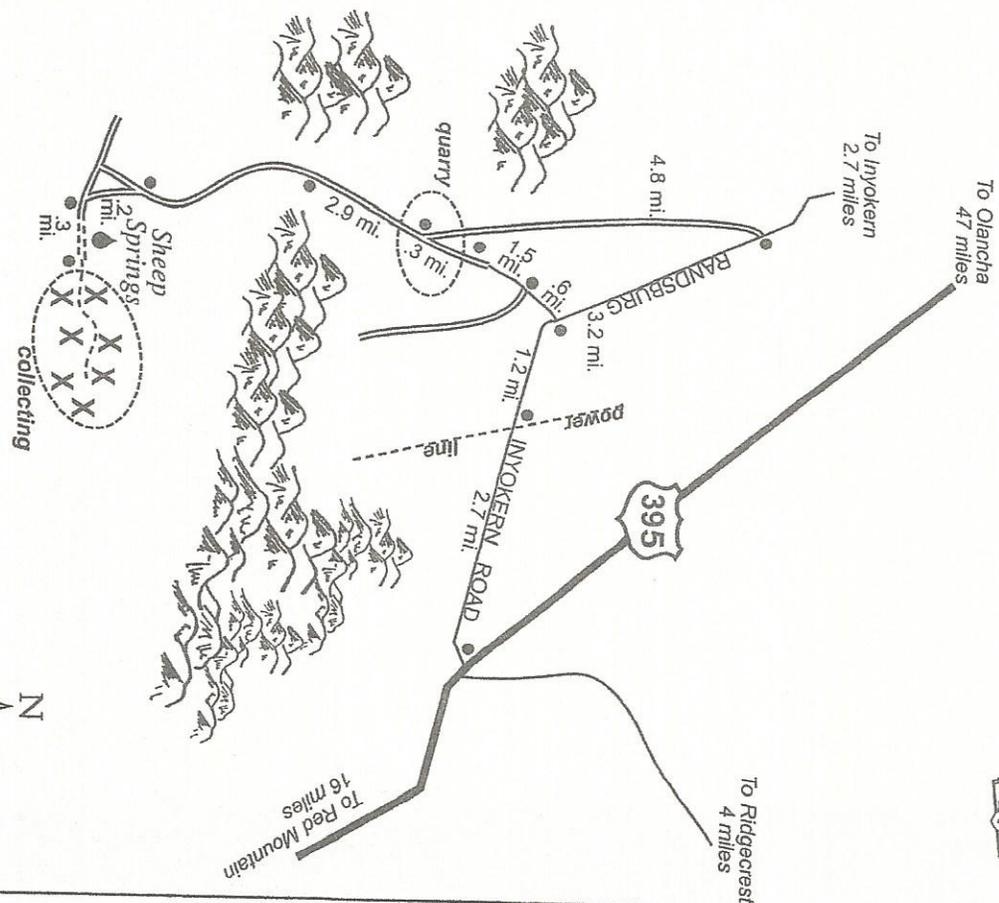
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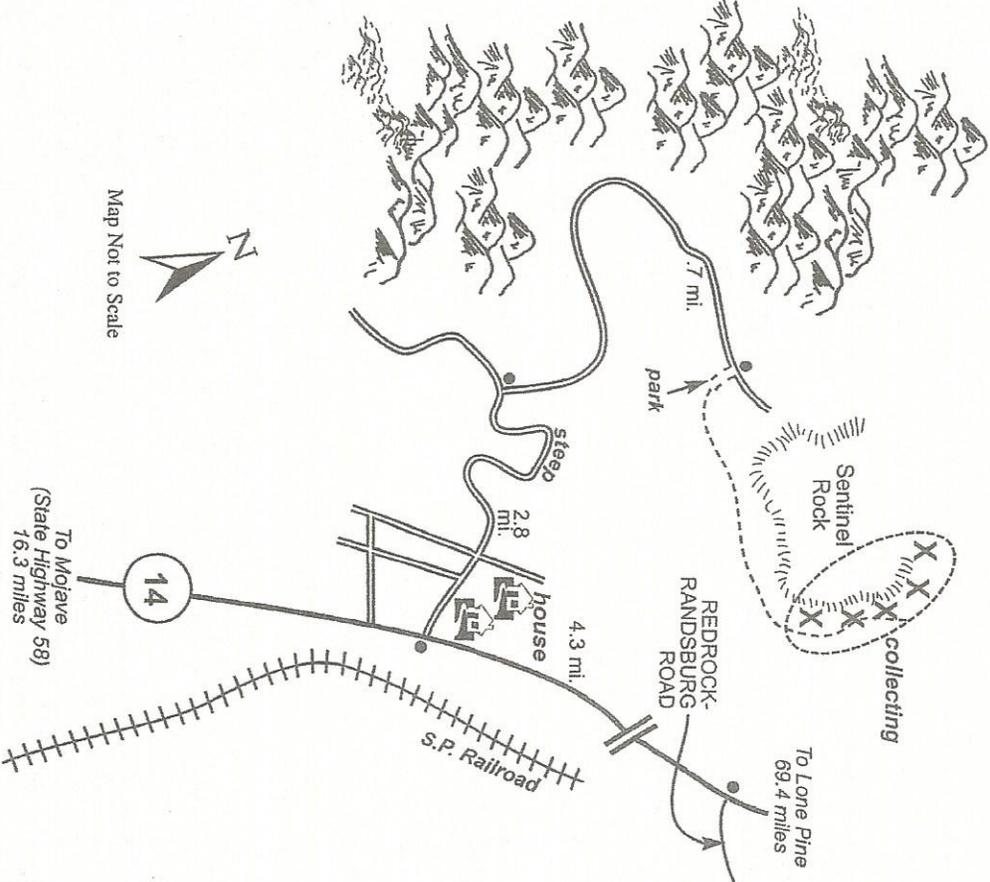
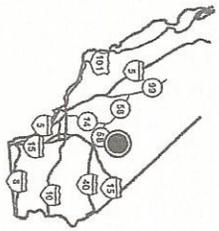
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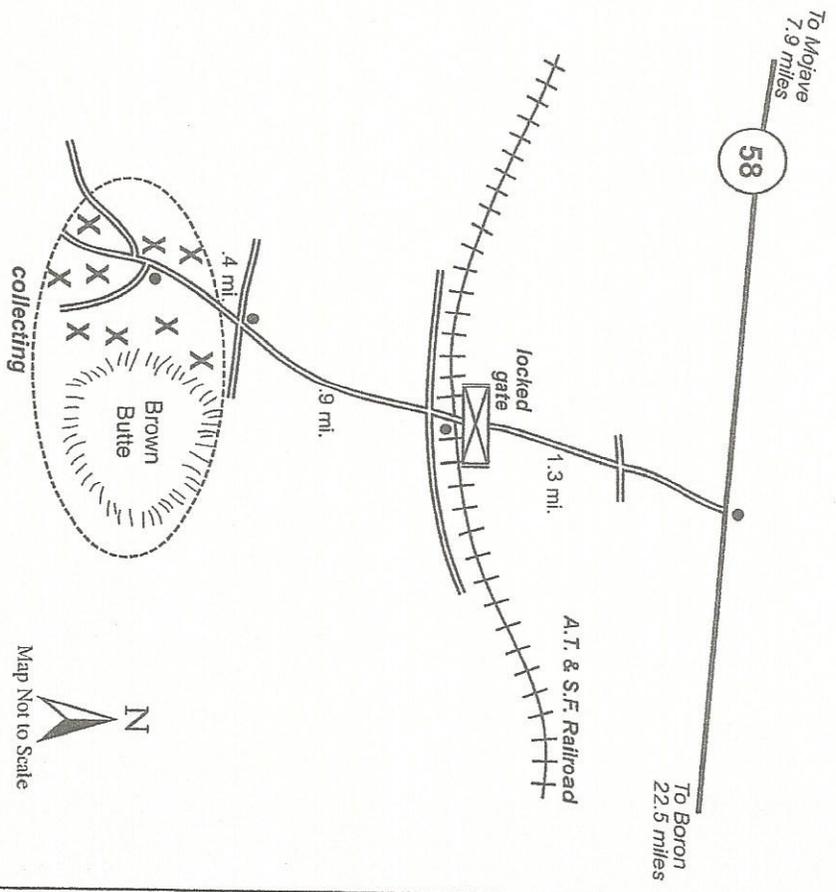
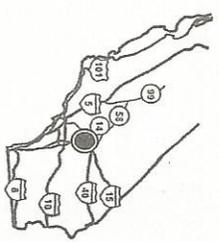
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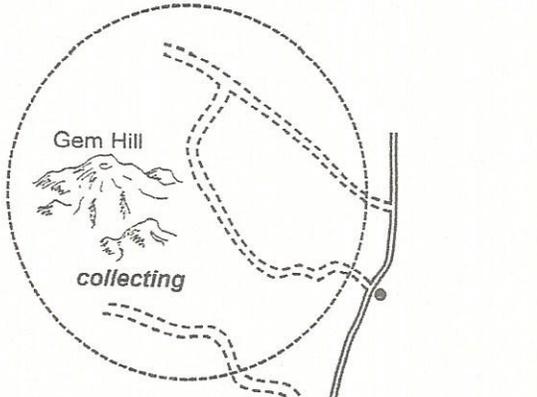
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# BROWN BUTTE



# ROSAMOND



ROSAMOND BOULEVARD

3.2 mi.

.7 mi.

MOJAVE

3.8 mi.

ROAD

TROPICO

To Mojave  
13 miles

Dawn  
Road  
Exit

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Map Not to Scale

To Palmdale  
14 miles

ROSAMOND