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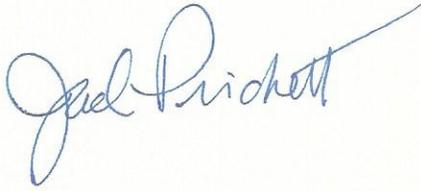
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As members of the Old Spanish Trail Association and other preservation organizations, my wife and I are especially concerned about areas that abut or are close to the Old Spanish National Historic Trail. This trail, and the later Mormon Road, which followed much the same route, played a key role in southern California history. In the list above, the OSNHT runs through both the California Valley and the Silurian Valley. The Trail is valuable as a historical resource and as an attraction for heritage tourism in communities such as Tecopa and Shoshone.

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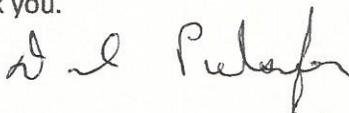
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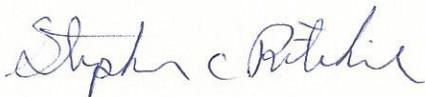
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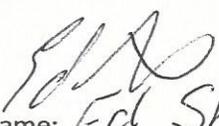
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