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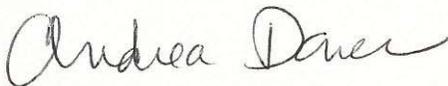
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Specifically, wind projects need to mitigate bird mortality, and both solar and wind projects need to minimize the disruption of desert vegetation, as well as allowing for public access to continue as much as possible.

For instance, I am appalled to see that the solar projects near the state highway 138 in the western A.V. area have been allowed to clear large areas of desert for their construction. This is an inappropriate and unsustainable use of desert lands. There needs to be more of an awareness of working with nature, not clearing it!

Please don't let this happen in Inyo County. I have vacationed in the eastern High Sierra every year for about 15 years, and I grew up in Ridgecrest, so I know the area very well. I love exploring the backroads and hiking or mountain biking in some of the areas proposed for energy development.

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