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Mr. Chris Beale

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Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Dear Mr. Beale,

It is essential that the 22.5 million acre Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan is finalized in a thoughtful way. With the goal of protecting our national parks, wilderness areas, wildlife and wild places, I encourage you to improve this plan in order to better protect public resources.

Please protect Mojave National Preserve, adjacent Wilderness Study Areas, and desert bighorn sheep habitat by not allowing the Soda Mountain Solar project to be sited next door to Mojave NP.

Protect the Silurian Valley adjacent to Death Valley National Park by designating the landscape as National Conservation Lands.

Protect Joshua Tree National Park by preventing development in the Eagle Mountain region. We protect important habitat for desert bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and desert tortoise.

The Lucerne region, the desert tortoise research natural area, Cadiz dunes area, and the Mountain Pass area should not be considered for DFAs.

Protect wildlife routes and bird migration areas by supporting the protection of Sonoran Desert Thorn Woodlands, Sand Movement corridors, and wetlands like the Wild and Scenic Amargosa River, Salt Creek, and Bonanza Spring.

Please use already used, damaged or degraded areas for these projects. Having grown up in southern California and spending many weekends exploring the desert, I know there's a lot to protect. If you look close there are many amazing things going on in the desert that these projects could destroy. Please don't let that happen.

Sincerely,

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