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Mr. Chris Beale

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Dear Mr. Beale,

As someone who cares about our America's natural resources and wildlife, I strongly encourage you to improve the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan in order to better protect California's public resources.

I believe the finalized plan should do the following:

- 1) Protect Mojave National Preserve, adjacent Wilderness Study Areas, and key desert bighorn sheep habitat by not allowing the Soda Mountain Solar project to be sited next door to Mojave NP, since better locations for the project exist.
- 2) Protect the Silurian Valley adjacent to Death Valley National Park by designating the landscape as National Conservation Lands.
- 3) Better protect Joshua Tree National Park by preventing development in the Eagle Mountain region.
- 4) Prevent renewable energy Development Focus Areas (DFA) from being designated in sensitive lands, such as the Lucerne region, the desert tortoise research natural area, Cadiz dunes area, and the Mountain Pass area.
- 5) Protect wildlife routes and bird migration areas by supporting the protection of Sonoran Desert Thorn Woodlands, Sand Movement corridors, and important wetlands like the Wild and Scenic Amargosa River, Salt Creek, and Bonanza Spring.
- 6) Analyze how this plan impacts the National Park Service. The current draft does not include discussion of how renewable energy projects will impact their viewsheds, clear night skies, and wildlife-rich neighboring lands.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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