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U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management, California State Office
Attn: Vicki Campbell, DRECP Program Manager
2800 Cottage Way, suite W-1623
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Mrs. Campbell:

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) is writing in reference to the *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, Including Kern, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Inyo, Riverside, Imperial, and San Diego Counties; and Possible Land Use Plan Amendments*, which was published in the *Federal Register* on April 4, 2012 [FR DOC No: 2012-8101].

Founded in 1924, the AMA is a not-for-profit organization and has 225,000 enthusiast members nationwide. Our members are keenly interested in any action that may enhance or reduce the ability of their families to continue to recreate on land that has historically allowed the responsible use of motorized vehicles.

The vast areas in question are difficult for most members of the public to even comprehend let alone offer specific comments on. Indeed the potential effects to the hundreds of thousands of acres under consideration are simply massive. Given this daunting task it is critical that the Bureau of Land Management BLM do everything possible to actively seek out local residents input as well as provide the public with accurate and comprehensive data. A widespread inventory of riding areas, traditional routes of travel, camping and sightseeing areas and other important recreation oriented opportunities must be part of any information provided. This material needs to be presented, along with maps of a reasonably small scale, in order for the public to understand and participate in this process.

Without a true understanding of what areas may be affected, the public is simply unable to offer meaningful substantive comments to this notice.

Long held values and beliefs about our western public lands include the understanding that these lands are managed for the benefit of the public by their federal land managers. Traditionally enjoyed recreation on many of these sites will undoubtedly be altered or potentially excluded if careful steps are not taken to balance the country's increased demand for energy resources with the equally important demand for increased recreational opportunities and access.

Thank you in advance of your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Haris
Western States Representative