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Dear BLM and CEC,

Let's put new energy where it will be used - in urban areas, instead of destroying the peace, wildlife, and beauty of remote areas. There are plenty of rooftops and parking lots that would benefit from solar panels in my city, San Diego.

The Silurian Valley should be designated as part of the National Landscape Conservation System, along with the other natural treasures of the Mojave Desert that provide intact habitat for wildlife and places for people to enjoy the outdoors. When I go to the back country to relax, recharge, and renew my creativity, I get unhappy when I see big energy projects. Don't destroy our commons and nature in order to provide energy in the cities. Not necessary. Not everyone appreciates the beauty of the desert. Maybe this is you?

In short: DO NOT DESTROY THE SILURIAN VALLEY.

Respectfully,
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- The Bureau of Land Management and California Energy Commission should not allow energy development in the remote Silurian Valley, and should focus on encouraging the generation of clean energy on rooftops and on already-disturbed lands closer to our cities.
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- The mostly undisturbed Silurian Valley provides an important wildlife connectivity corridor between Death Valley National Park, the sky islands of the Kingston and Clark Mountains, the Soda and Avawatz ranges, and Mojave National Preserve to the South.
- The Silurian Valley is a scenic and natural escape for visitors to the desert, and it is rich in the history of human transportation across the Mojave desert, including the Old Spanish Trail and Native American cultural sites.
- The Silurian Valley has been acknowledged for its stunning scenery, with the second highest rating for visual resources under the BLM's visual resource management criteria, and the local community supports designating the two-lane road that crosses the area as a scenic highway.

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