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Dear CEC & BLM,

We know you are charged with helping to facilitate more clean energy production in our world. Big projects any where on wild lands in our deserts is to invite disaster to plants, animals, the people that live, pray and visit here!!

We have plenty of rooftops and already disturbed lands in urban environments where most if not all of the energy from these proposed projects will be sent.

Be bold and brave and let your policy makers that these kinds of projects will only result in devastation to fragile and cherished lands that are important to a whole and healthy earth. We need to use energy wisely and we need to find ways to create it where it's used.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Thank you for your consideration,
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