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Dear BLM and CA Energy Commission,

Please do not allow industrial wind and solar energy generation facilities to be built in the Silurian Valley! Industrial developments do not belong in remote areas like this. Places like this are sensitive habitats and also areas for people to get away. Solar panels belong on rooftops, next to the grid not in remote areas. Wind energy belongs in industrial areas, not in remote areas.

The Silurian Valley is a beautiful, mostly undisturbed area that helps provide wildlife corridors between Death Valley, the Mojave National Preserve, and the Kingston, Clark, Soda and Avawatz mountain ranges. It is not a wasteland like some people apparently imagine!

I hope you will not only reject any proposed developments in the valley but also seek some sort of conservation status for the land so it will be protected in perpetuity.

I hope to make it back to the California desert sometime soon and I don't want to see a lot of developments around. I love the natural beauty of the desert and all of the amazing creatures that live there. I grew up visiting areas like this on weekends and vacations and I hope it is protected for future generations to enjoy. Let us not allow sprawl to take over the beautiful deserts of California!

Thanks,

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