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Please don't give away our pristine wilderness to corporate development. Please save these beautiful places and habitat for our wildlife, and for our future generation.

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I request a 90 day extension on the public comment period for the DRECP. It is a mammoth document, and the public needs more time to review it. This is the democratic process, you need to hold true to those principles, as outlined in NEPA and CEQA.

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Carlsbad California
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Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 12:50 AM
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Big Bear City California
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Michael Mitsuda
Fremont California
United States

Energy - Docket Optical System

From: keith@hammond.net
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 3:55 PM
To: Energy - Docket Optical System
Subject: DRECP NEPA-CEQA Comment: Protect Wildlands

Dear DRECP Action Team,

I have personally helped map and inventory the remaining unprotected wilderness-quality lands in the California desert and I feel strongly that we must conserve all our remaining wildlands while also greening our energy mix.

Therefore please accept my comments herein as part of the public comment period for the Draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement. I value the California desert for its rich natural heritage, wilderness landscapes, and outstanding opportunities for recreation, while also recognizing the importance of increasing the proportion of our energy use from renewable sources, such as solar, wind, and geothermal.

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Best regards,

Keith Hammond
Sebastopol California
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Energy - Docket Optical System

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