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Rock and mineral collecting for rock hound hobbyists should be maintained at a large number of traditional collecting localities and areas, and broader areas that have high potential for hobby collecting, within this study area. I plan to spend a large portion of my retirement time and money collecting rocks and minerals on public lands in the deserts of the western United States. This plan endangers many locations I want to collect from, including these two:

BROWN BUTTE or LONELY BUTTE at Township 10 N, Range 11 W, Sections 2, 3, 10, & 11, including location 34.976746, -118.024271

GEM HILL at Township 10 N, Range 13 W, Sections 26, 27, 34 & 35; including location 34.926220, -118.22122

Please note that I must travel to the western U.S. and spend money in the local economies on food, gas and lodging at minimum to pursue this hobby and public land use, as many others do too.

Also, please note many rock hound sites have been in use by hobbyists since the 1930s. See the archive issues of Desert magazine.

Given the unproven economics of solar power (if it were not given special tax breaks and rate fixing), this plan should be turned back for its own lack of merit -- in addition to negative impacts on the environment and traditional public land use by ordinary citizens. Renewable energy should not be propped up by crony capitalism that serves only to further enrich political insiders at the expense of ordinary taxpayers. This plan is another example of crony capitalism. Let renewable energy emerge when free markets support it.

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