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RE: DRECP NEPA/CEQA

To Whom it Concerns:

I have been a rock hound all my life and a casual use gold miner for over 35 years. I belong to a number of both rock hounding and gold prospecting clubs and I enjoy camping on public lands, specifically in the State of California.

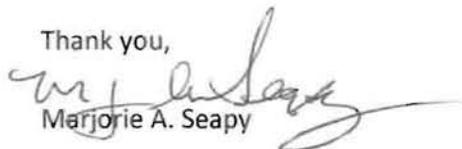
It appears there are no specific provisions in your DRECP plan for "casual use mining" and other activities such as OHV (including primitive jeep trails); open camping; hunting and recreational shooting; rock hounding; commercial filming; geocaching, and permitted competitive events like rock crawling.

I belong to the Hi Desert Rock Hounds and the First Class Miners, Inc., locally, and I request that you please make certain that the protection of our rights, not only our rights to existing casual use mining claims but our right to file for new casual use mining claims under the Mining Law of 1872 as Casual Use miners, are incorporated into your plan.

Although your program manager, Vicki, did assure me and others in my group that our rights as casual use miners would not be hindered or restricted in any way because we have existing legal mining claims, it appears there is no reference to casual use mining in your document. Under the Mining Law of 1872 as Casual Use Miners, our rights are protected. These rights need to be included in the appropriate sections of the Plan documents, in all "action" alternatives, for the following areas: the BLM area known as the Dale Mining District East of 29 Palms, CA, the BLM area of the Eagle Mountains North West of Desert Center and just East of the Joshua Tree National Park, the BLM land within the Rattlesnake Canyon area near Vaughn Springs just South of the Big Horn Mountain Wilderness Area, and the South Eastern area of Stoddard Valley/Ord Mountain and East of Highway 247.

It is important to me and my group, as well as many people like us, that we have the right to continue to prospect, meaning we want to be able to continue our right to look for new areas of BLM land with gold deposits that we may file legal casual use mining claims on.

Thank you,



Marjorie A. Seapy

cc: Congressman Paul Cook