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We - Bill and Barbara Spiller are recent arrivals in the desert. We own a house on Journey Lane in Joshua Tree.

We are very concerned about preservation and conservation of precious desert lands. While we, as all concerned citizens are aware of the urgency of renewable energy projects and the lessening of dependence on fossil fuels, we are also aware of the necessity to preserve wildernesses. It would be a huge and irreversible mistake to desecrate desert habitat in the name of renewable energy.

We urge that the following be considered:

- nothing can replace habitat
- wildlife corridors are the lifeblood of the Mojave
- conservation of species and natural communities is paramount
- these designations must be longlasting and durable, funded and enforceable.

One important step is to evaluate existing renewable energy sites and make them more efficient.

Renewable energy plans need to be comprehensive not piecemeal (which would lead to multiple redundant inefficient projects). Planful not rampant development.

Another direction is to use the built environment rooftops, parking lots etc rather than compromising wild lands.

There is much more to say, but suffice this for now.

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