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RE:
Desert Conservation

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ATTEN: Chris Beale, DRECP Acting Executive Director
and James Ramos, San Bernardino County Sup.

I am a 10 year resident of Yucca Valley. My husband and I moved here from a beach city because we were so attracted to the beauty of the Hi-Desert. I am a professional artist and was eager to imerse myself in the natural beauty and to reflect it on canvas. In the years that we have lived here, we have seen solar farms and wind farms pop up in many of the most rural and beautiful places.

I see this happening and wonder why this land is being ruined - visually and ruined for the wildlife in the area. the wildlife corridors are dwindling and the native creatures: Big Horn, bobcats, mountain lions, turtles, etc are being cut off from their species. When they cannot get to other areas they interbreed and eventually become extinct. I'm particularly concerned about the Joshua Tree Woodland Habitat, the Lucerne Valley ~~Habitat~~ Wildlife Linkages, + the Morongo Basin wildlife linkages.

While driving in Palm Springs, today, I passed a new High School, which had

a whole parking area with a car shade made with solar panels. This was a sight that I was so pleased to see. It was making use of the panels for energy and shade, and it was giving the students a good example to follow. It is my wish that someday our legislators will pass a law to make all development provide solar rooftops. If solar roof tops were mandatory to all new development, we would not have to put solar on the ground, scarring the land.

I'm hoping that our legislators will create a long term conservation plan that works for wild life conservation and renewable energy development. We must be sure that energy development does not degrade local air quality or jeapardize the regional tourist economy, and it must be protective of wild life.

this can be accomplished with some good planning. Please listen to your constituants. By the way – I'm all for solar. I have solar on my roof.

thank you for your time + attention.

Sincerely,
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