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Re: DREEP proposed Draft

Dear Executive Dir. Beal & Supervisor Ramos.

As the owner of a business reliant on desert tourism, I am extremely interested in commenting on the DREEP draft as it affects the Morongo Basin and surrounding scenic areas such as Anza Borego, Amboy Crater, the Pinto Mountains, and the Lucerne Valley. I host visitors from around the world who come to see wildlife and our surreally expansive open spaces and dark night skies. The DREEP has the opportunity to make positive protection for this very special part of the world. It is so important that the plan, ~~in~~ its initial release, thinks thaought the aspects that could negatively impact communities, long term ecology, and archeological sites. Along with identifing critical wildlife species, considering the connectivities necessary for durable genetic exchange must be included in plans. Undesignated areas must be examined for their conservation value and designated early on, so these areas cannot fall into inappropriate usage later on.

We have been seeing some of our wildest, most beautiful spaces become sites for meeting our

renewable energy goals. It becomes ironic & very "ungreen" when renewable energy projects destroy the very thing that they are incentivized to protect. Instead, the megawatt goals can be met much less invasively with rooftop solar (I myself am off grid and love it!!), and by infilling ~~already co~~ areas already compromised by renewable energy development - by maximizing those areas as opposed to opening up new degradation.

You have a wonderful opportunity - poised as you are at the inception of the DRECP plans - to create a visionary plan for our desert that wisely balances conservation, recreation, and renewable energy.

Please remember that our desert-specific wildlife such as bighorn sheep and tortoise, ~~and flora~~ and corresponding flora, will need latitude for migration as climate shifts occur.

Lastly, please examine all grandfathered

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project to be consistent with the overall values of DRELP. Soda Mountain Solar Project is a chronic example of an endeavor that is threatening to proceed in spite of gross inconsistencies with DRECP goals.

In order to protect the tourism economy of our parks, and the irreplacable scenic beauty of some of the wildest places on earth, I urge San Bernadino County to maintain undisturbed areas and clearly identify those that are already disturbed. Public Process and comment periods should be allowed for those rural communities who will be impacted.

thank you so much.

Sincerely & respectfully,

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