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Mr. Chris Beale

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Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Dear Mr. Beale,

Please improve the 22.5 million acre Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan to better protect public resources as follows:

- \* Protect Mojave National Preserve, adjacent Wilderness Study Areas, and key desert bighorn sheep habitat by not allowing the Soda Mountain Solar project to be sited next door to Mojave NP, as better locations for the project abound.
- \* Protect the remarkable Silurian Valley adjacent to Death Valley National Park by designating the landscape as National Conservation Lands.
- \* Better protect Joshua Tree National Park by preventing development in the Eagle Mountain region. We must safeguard public lands in this region from further threats and protect important habitat for desert bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and desert tortoise.
- \* Do not allow for renewable energy Development Focus Areas (DFA) to be designated in sensitive lands. The Lucerne region, the desert tortoise research natural area, Cadiz dunes area, and the Mountain Pass area should not be considered for DFAs.
- \* Protect wildlife routes and bird migration areas by supporting the protection of Sonoran Desert Thorn Woodlands, Sand Movement corridors, and important wetlands like the Wild and Scenic Amargosa River, Salt Creek, and Bonanza Spring.
- \* Protect viewsheds, clear night skies, and wildlife-rich lands of the National Park Service, which is a significant acreage in the plan area.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

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