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Re: Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS

Submitted via email: [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov)

Please accept these comments on the Draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) on behalf of the Friends of Ocotillo Wells, a 501c3 nonprofit.

Ocotillo Wells receives almost one million visits each year from people looking to experience the natural desert through camping, traveling and exploring in off-road vehicles. I see that east Ocotillo Wells is slated for the possibility of geothermal energy development in the draft plan. This would be a huge mistake and insult to the many people who travel around the park. I personally just traveled to the south side of the Salton Sea and went up close to several active geothermal facilities. These huge, rusty, ugly facilities have nothing in common with the Park's mission. I ask that any consideration of geothermal energy development in Ocotillo Wells be removed from consideration in the DRECP.

Thank you,  
Ed Stovin  
VP, Friends of Ocotillo Wells