The DRECP is a concept to enrich industries who support the present administration. It is a poorly conceived power generation plan with no consideration for the desert. There are many individuals who consider the desert as a wasteland, an area of no value.

I have attempted to read the DRECP summary. Since the summary is not a easily readable document I did not even try to delve into the document proper other then look at the discussions of the ACECs. The main concept that I gathered is that conclusions were based on assumptions. These also appeared like the various wilderness bills. Some one, far removed from the desert drew some lines on a map and declared it an ACEC.

The DRECP is "advertised" as not being a travel management plan. Look at the 58 new ACECs and the amount of discussion on routes and recoutes and one can easily see that the DRECP is a huge travel management plan.

Besides the large tracts of land being removed from use by the public for solar fields, new power transmission corridors will have to be built. Power will be generated in the desert for users in the cities. Why not require users to have solar panels on their roofs. Already I have seen wind machines and solar panels in mall parking lots. Rather than subsidize the renewable power industry, invest in the public.
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Response to Comment Letter F121

Maddog
February 22, 2015

F121-1 Thank you for your comment. While it has not resulted in a change in the document, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has taken it into consideration.

F121-2 The BLM has made clarifications to the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The interdisciplinary team developed the proposed Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) by identifying areas that had Relevant and Important Criteria, as directed by 43 CFR 1610.7-2. The relevant and important criteria for each ACEC are shown in Appendix L. The interdisciplinary team included local knowledge when identifying ACECs. ACECs will not be managed as designated Wilderness Areas; the proposed management of ACECs for each alternative is shown in Volume II, under BLM LUPA Elements, and in Appendix L.

F121-3 The distributed generation alternative does not meet BLM’s purpose and need. Distributed generation was considered but not carried forward, as discussed in Volume II, Section II.8.2.1.