Comment Letter F196

Draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) and Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)

Comment Form

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<td>In working with the desert tortoise community for many years I am very concerned about the proposed Development Focus Areas (DFAs) that include any part of the Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area (DTRNA). This area needs to be preserved and expanded as it is one of the few areas in which there is high quality desert tortoise habitat that has contributed to doubling and expanding the current population. I request that you exclude any DFAs that overlap the DTRNA as that would negatively impact the desert tortoise. Any DFAs in the DTRNA is counter to the efforts of many who have worked to help protect this area including the Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee. Thank you.</td>
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Response to Comment Letter F196

David Carr
February 23, 2015

F196-1  Thank you for your comment. The BLM has taken it into consideration in developing the BLM LUPA and Final EIS. As described in Chapter I.0, Phase I of the DRECP is the BLM LUPA and Final EIS that addresses activities on BLM-administered lands only. See also Volume II which includes revised descriptions and mapping for the range of alternatives considered for the BLM LUPA, including removing DFAs entirely from the Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area in the Preferred Alternative.