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

Comment Form

Commenter: Leslie Walker (your name, including affiliation, if applicable)

Contact Information: twosistersrockshop@hotmail.com (your email address, phone number, and or mailing address). When submitting comments on the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS, please include the name and means of contact for a person who would be available for later consultation if necessary. Please note that public comments and information submitted will be available for public review at www.drecp.org. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that any information submitted as part of your comment will become part of the public record. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other internet search engines. You may choose to withhold contact information, but the agencies will not be able to consult with you if clarification of your comment is needed. While you may request in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, agencies cannot guarantee the ability to do so.

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<td>I'm on the board of directors with the Mojave Desert rock club. We rock hound Cady Mts, Calico Mts, Lavin area, Newberry Mts, Lane Mts Hollarland Springs, &amp; Black canyon area. Please do not close those areas to public.</td>
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<td>I am also life member of Mojave River Valley Museum. Please keep the desert mountain areas open to public for camping and enjoyment of the desert.</td>
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<td>No more closures, no more vast desert made into solar projects that destroy the desert.</td>
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Response to Comment Letter F221

Leslie Walker
February 21, 2015

F221-1 Thank you for your comment. While it did not result in changes to the document, the locations within the DRECP that are important to rockhounding were considered during the revisions to the Development Focus Areas (DFAs) for the Preferred Alternative as described in response to comment letter G5.

The DRECP would designate over 3.6 million acres of Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) and Extensive Recreation Management Areas (ERMAs); however, this would not change the public’s opportunity to recreate on all other open areas throughout the LUPA Decision Area subject to existing and proposed restrictions.

The DRECP would not close any lands to recreational use. The DRECP would designate DFAs and is proposing a variety of incentives to steer future renewable energy development to the DFAs; see Volume II, Section II.3.3.3.1, Development Incentives in DFAs (Section II.3.2.1.1 in the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS). However, whether any development occurred in these areas would depend on private developers and would be market driven. The areas would remain open to recreation until such time as they are closed for other uses.
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