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Subject

Draft follow up language for Feinstein's California Desert  
Protection Act

During the recent Senate hearing on the CDPA amendments, the Department offered to send a follow up letter to the committee with detailed comments on the bill. We have just been informed that the letter with comments has been drafted by the BLM and is in the clearance process in their assistant secretary's hallway. We should get a chance to comment on the letter in the referral process as early as tomorrow.

In the attached draft, I have compiled comments from all of you, and would ask you now to review them quickly and make any edits as soon as possible so that we can submit them for inclusion in the letter.

Curt / Karin, I think I have covered both the 'saddle' and the Quail Mountain project and adjusted the acreages and map references correctly, but that needs extra scrutiny.

Don, this updates the draft I showed you earlier this afternoon by adding the 'saddle' language.

The language on the native groundwater protection for DEVA and JOTR is something I have discussed with Bert Frost and folks in his shop.

I have not included any language on Title II of the bill, the renewable energy section, since the Department opposed much of the bill language and it will be better to wait and react to what BLM drafts.

Thanks,

Jim

The National Park Service offers the following comments on S. 2921, the California Desert Protection Act of 2010:

**Title I**

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