



THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY

California/Nevada Regional Office

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To whom it may concern:

Throughout the work of RETI, environmental issues must be given equal consideration with economic (and other) issues if the goals of the effort are to be achieved. In other words, the environment cannot be "an add on." Environmental considerations must be fully integrated.

More stringent screening criteria must be utilized to determine available renewable resources as well as appropriate sites for generation and transmission. The development and use of these screens must precede "valuation" of the renewable resources. Screening for appropriate sites for the generation and transmission of renewable energy should be based on environmental considerations and constraints.

The ranking of "renewable energy zones" must include environmental factors. As indicated above, these factors must be considered equally with economic and other factors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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