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Attn: George Mackfessel

Re: Public Comments on the Ivanpah proposal

Mr. Mackfessel:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed Ivanpah Industrial Solar Plant.

This project is yet another land grab as this proposal would be responsible for the zeroing out of the last remaining wild burro herd in the Clark Mountain area and would have equally devastating consequences for the threatened Desert Tortoise, 26 of whom would be displaced from their habitat to make room for a project that should be moved to a less sensitive area that does not compete with native wildlife. Remember last year's disastrous relocation of 600 tortoises from their desert habitat to BLM land to make room for expanded training operations at Fort Irwin during which close to 100 animals perished. The loss of America's iconic wild burros and desert tortoises are unacceptable losses.

The eradication of OUR endangered wildlife on OUR public lands for the sake of special interests must be stopped. A solar plant can be relocated. Extinction is forever. Please reconsider this most harmful proposal.

Sincerely,

Eileen Hennessy
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Melrose, MA 02176

P.S. I am sending this letter by mail since the letter I attempted to send by e-mail for some reason did not go through. I tried several times and each time I received a "failure notice" message. Since I, as a member of the public, have a right to send a public comment, I am sending this letter past the deadline in hopes that my comments will be accepted considering I was forced to send them late due to a "computer glitch" on your part which prevented me from commenting on time.