Comments re: RSPP

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I am a resident of Inyokern, and have owned/lived in my home for 18 years. I am a consulting field biologist, with eight years of experience in botanical and desert tortoise surveys.

I wholeheartedly support solar energy but NOT AT THIS SITE. I agree with the CEC Staff Assessment, which states that (1) the visual impact and (2) the biological resources on the RSPP site are UNmitigable.

VISUAL: I live on the bajada near Highway 14. If the RSPP is constructed, our daytime view will have an ugly scar. The current view of the north end of the El Paso Mountains is peaceful + beautiful. We Inyokern folks love our night time view of the Milky Way ... who knows how the night time lighting at the proposed RSPP will affect our star gazing. Such a project should not be built so near to homes and towns for this reason alone.... visual impact is important to homeowners!

BIOLOGICAL: 40 tortoises have been located

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(continued) on site! Contrary to Dr. Karl's opinion, this is a HIGH density of tortoises for the Ridgecrest area. The high proportion of younger tortoises is also unusual for our area. Now that this surprise pocket of tortoises has fortunately been located, we need to preserve the site.

The RSPP site has been called an important connecting corridor for genetic linkage of tortoises + MGS. I have enclosed a map (page 3) supporting this connectivity issue. In my neighborhood, many tortoises live on the BLM lands to the west of Sandy + south of Ridgecrest Blvd. This is another little-Known pocket of tortoises that ~~are~~ is connected to the RSPP site tortoises via the Little Dixie Wash Area.

Historically, high densities of tortoises were commonplace near Ridgecrest. This is no longer the case. Don't isolate the remaining pockets of tortoises.... they are a threatened species + should be treated as such.

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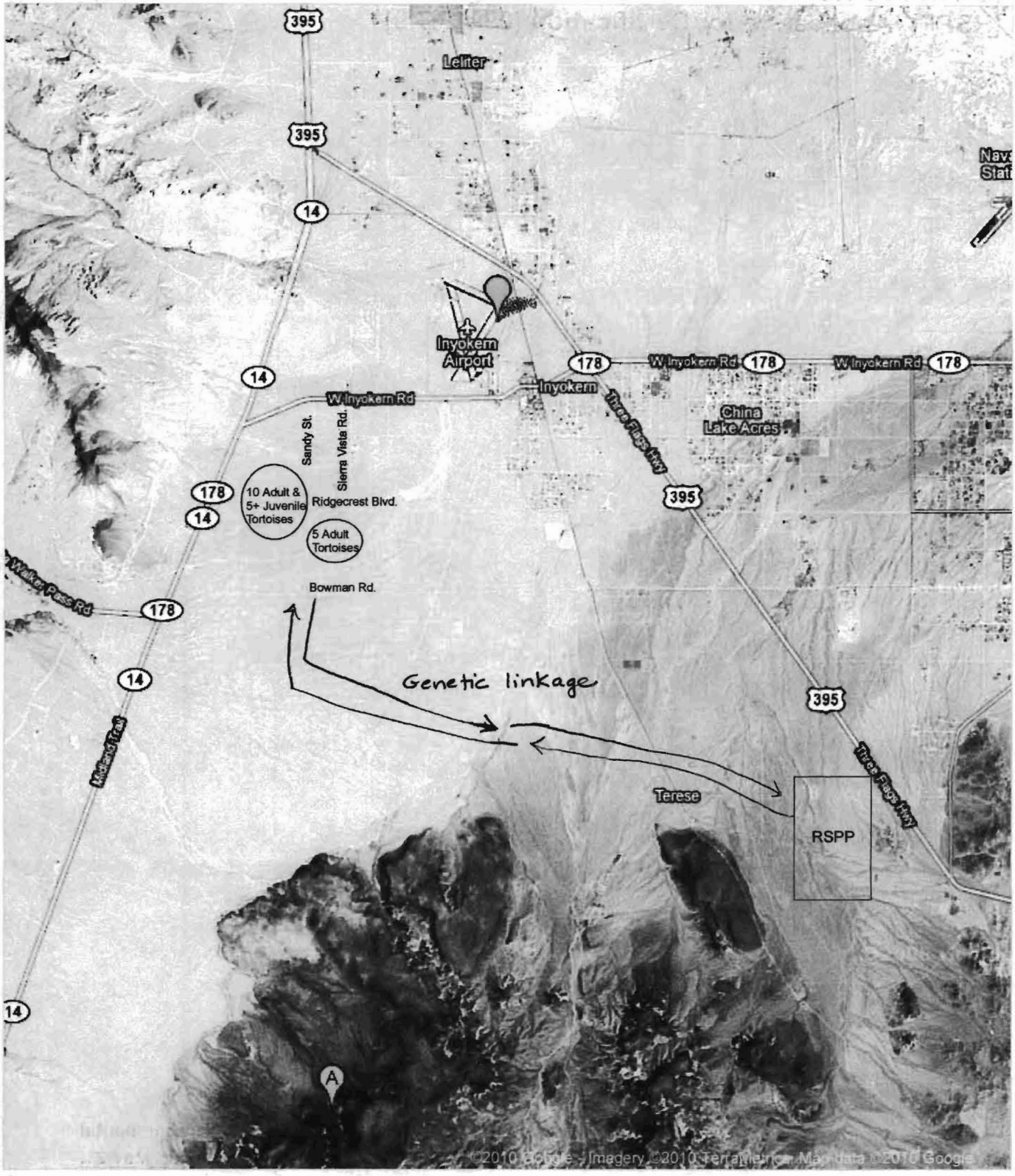

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