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Dear Mr. Monasmith:

The following Comments on the Preliminary Staff Assessment and Supplemental Staff Assessment of the BrightSource Hidden Hills Solar Energy Generating System.

The Pahrump Paiute Tribe recommends that the proposed project is reasonable and foreseeable for direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts and associated activities upon this area is great.

This area of Inyo County is not appropriate for industrial-scale solar development which would produce significant impacts on cultural, historical, biological, and visual resources which can't be mitigated to a less than significant level.

This project will cause significant impacts to cultural resources which can't be mitigated.

The construction of the proposed project would cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of the three ethnographic landscapes. We feel industry developments definitely would encroach upon the historic qualities of this landscape and would compromise the integrity of the history in this area.

Many historic sites, trails, battle sites, cultural water routes, traditional cultural properties, cultural landscapes, etc... does have great historical significance.

Industry projects in the Deserts will have a huge gamble for wildlife, plants, and water. This project is being planned on a fully ecologically functioning habitat. The proposed project site supports a variety of rare and threatened species.

The use and depletion for this project could have severe impacts on fragile desert vegetation such as the mesquite bisques and other sensitive plant associations. Some last surviving cottonwoods and willows at Stump Springs may also be severely threatened with even minimal impacts to groundwater depletion.

We feel due to the potential effects this project will have, that it has been proven to be significant and will destroy its association, feeling, setting, design, materials, workmanship and location. We do not believe that these effects can be mitigated. We ask that the application for certification be rejected in the Ma-hav location.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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