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I am representing the interests of the Motorcycle Racing Assoc. of NV (MRAN). Our organization represents approximately 4000 OHV recreationalists in southern Nevada. After reviewing the proposed applications I must object to allowing facilities to be constructed in the Jean/Roach area or the Primm area. These are some of the last areas in Clark County where organized OHV events can occur. In recent years the BLM has closed of hundreds of thousands of acres in the Las Vegas District to OHV recreation. The Jean/Roach area is the most popular OHV recreation area in Clark County. This area also requires intense environmental study by the BLM recreation staff to gain approval for OHV events. OHV promoters can only use existing trails for events, now it is proposed to destroy thousands of acres through the installation of Solar Panels. How is this consistent with the current process (OHV groups have to adhere to a no new disturbance policy and the Solar Energy groups do not). If this Solar Energy application is approved it will eliminate this OHV area and displace thousands in the OHV community. I am requesting that if this area is taken away from the OHV community that the BLM be required to establish/re-open another area in their district of equal size and quality with the same miles of trails to replace this OHV recreation area in addition to the few areas that remain open. I would also request that the new area be within approx. the same distance from Las Vegas due to the high cost of gasoline. North of the I/15/US93 junction approx. 10 miles north of the junction on US 93 could be an option. I also request that in addition to the Jean/Roach area if any of the Solar Energy applications cause any other OHV recreation areas/trails to be closed the BLM be required to reestablish equal acreage/trails in other parts their district to replace the lost OHV recreation opportunities. The BLM is multi-use agency and claims to manage public lands in manner that provides opportunities for all types of uses. We have now reached an era where the OHV community needs protection from the continued land closures. Competitive and Organized OHV events as well as casual OHV recreation are now endangered of becoming extinct due to this new proposal by the Solar Energy Industry and various other proposed closures. Please keep in mind that the OHV industry is multi-billion dollar industry and represents millions of U.S. citizens in this country. The OHV industry/community provides many jobs for the U.S economy not to mention the thousands of jobs locally. Thank You