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The solar energy industry is working to close a large portion of Nevada land now being used by the OHV community after the BLM spent millions of taxpayer dollars to survey and document trails and build fences and trailheads in order to provide a safe place for this form of recreation and keep OHVs from the highly populated areas of Southern Nevada. The plan is to install solar panels on the Knight Ranch Road area near Primm, Jean and Roach. While the OHV groups have had to restore vegetation in certain segments of the area the builders of this solar project will, in fact, be tearing up great portions of this fragile desert environment. One only need to drive to Searchlight, NV to see the results of installing solar panels. This project could be a welcome relief to the area's energy problems but certainly should be at the Nevada Test Site and other areas within the California/Nevada desert area. The growing OHV community needs and merits safe areas to recreate outside the boundaries of dust abatement areas and away from heavily populated areas. To shut down this Knight Ranch Road would toss down the toilet all the federal dollars spent to make it a designated OHV area. I would be happy to serve on any committee established to solve this problem. It should also be pointed out that none of the organizations to which I belong were ever contacted about this project. While putting notices in the legal notices section of the local newspapers may be the only requirement, it lacks the quality of good intentions and reeks of irresponsibility. Please have one of your staff members get involved in this with your opposition. This is not the only area in Nevada that receives sunshine. Thank you