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Thank you for your comment, Scot Martin.

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**RE: Preliminary Draft Map of Potential Corridors on Federal Lands**

To whom it may concern:

Friends of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (FABDSP) is an organization that advocates for the protection of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (ABDSP). FABDSP is opposed to the massive power line project proposed by San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) in partnership with Imperial Irrigation District and Citizens Energy Corporation, known as Sunrise Powerlink, if it is routed through the park.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Preliminary Draft Map of Potential Energy Corridors.

We are encouraged that it appears the Sunrise Powerlink has been dropped by the West-wide Energy Corridor Study. We will remain vigilant to future changes in the status of ongoing work by the Agencies on potential energy corridors in the western United States, particularly San Diego County.

As with Sunrise Powerlink FABDSP is adamantly opposed to the use of preserved public lands for such massive, intrusive and incongruous projects. There is no justification to allow such blight upon the protected lands of our nation. We oppose any siting of transmission lines on federal or state lands that have been set aside as parks, preserves, reserves, monuments, national natural landmarks, areas of critical environmental concern, wilderness study areas, open spaces, national forest, wildlife refuges, etc.

In regard to the Preliminary Draft Map of Potential Energy Corridors FABDSP is alarmed by the incompleteness of this map. According to the text on page one of the Draft Map, "The Agencies are presenting this preliminary energy corridor map to inform the public of their progress and to obtain public comment on the proposed corridor locations." FABDSP understands that the WWEC study is confined to placing utility corridors on federal lands. However, for FABDSP to fully evaluate the corridors it needs to know where they are coming from and where they are going. With the Draft Map provided by the Agencies it is impossible to ascertain where these transmission lines start and where they go. At a minimum an Energy Corridor Draft Map should be able to answer these basic concepts at a glance. It would be helpful

to have more detail about the lands outside of the scope of this study so that we may evaluate impacts to non-federal lands in the paths of these corridors.

FABDSP respectfully requests that a complete set of maps be made available showing proposed routes in *detail*. Important information to include would be the intended use of each corridor (what type of utility(ies) will each corridor carry), the width of each corridor and if it is an existing right of way or a green field route. Of particular concern to FABDSP is the area of eastern San Diego County in California. Earlier Stakeholder Maps showed multiple utility corridors crossing ABDSP. This Draft Map appears to show a disconnected line well south of ABDSP perhaps following the existing I-8 / Southwest Powerlink corridor. Due to the incomplete nature of the line on the map it is not possible to ascertain if this is correct or not.

FABDSP asks the Agencies for clarification on the issue above and looks forward to the ability to comment on a *completed* Draft Map in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter of paramount importance to the residents of San Diego County and the entire western United States.

Sincerely,

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