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1	1-1	Adopt Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Please consider the needs of the Off Hiway Vehicle Community in your decision making process	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
2	2-3	Clarification Request	Cultural Resources				NEPA regulations provide for provisions for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction and mandate the processes to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a project location other than a 'dedicated cemetery. Even though a discovery may be in federal property, California Government Code §27460 should be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of human remains during any groundbreaking activity; in such cases California Government Code §27491 and California Health & Safety Code §7050.5 may apply.	Y	
3	3-1	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs			BLM should place high priority on obtaining public access to public land	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
3	3-2	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	ACECs		Instead of closing areas to rock collecting, BLM should, 2 weekends a year, allow the general public to collect rocks from these areas. The time selecto should be appropriated for the geographic area (i.e. when average daytime temperatures are between 50 - 85 F). For example, at Horse Canyon, BLM should designate 1 weekend in the Spring & 1 weekend in the Fall, when the area is ope to the general public for supervised rock collecting.	Y	
4	4-1	Modify Alternative B	Wild and Scenic Rivers				I believe that the 3 mile section of river below Kerkoff Powerhouse is equally spectacular and should additionally be protected from possible inundation due to enlarging Millerton Reservoir! We have already lost too many environmentally and historically significant areas throughout the state; the tradeoff to obtain more water storage in this area is not enough to justify what that storage will cost us.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
5	5-1	Adopt Alternative C, D, or E	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs			Please keep all the N. Fork sites closed.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
6	6-1	Adopt Alternative B	Wild and Scenic Rivers				Thanks for recommending the San Joaquin River Gorge and NF Kaweah for Wild + Scenic River protection! Please retain these important recommendations in the final plan.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
6	6-2	New Information	Wild and Scenic Rivers	NEPA Adequacy	Other		Please coordinate with other federal agencies in regard to wild + scenic studies/recommendations for multi-jurisdiction rivers, particularly the National Park Service in regard to the Forks of the Kaweah and the Sequoia National Forest in regard to the lower Kern River.	Y	
7	7-1	Modify Alternative B	ACECs				I would definitively ask RMP administrators to not include private property within any Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) without the written consent of the private landowners of which the boundary infringes. More specifically I ask that the boundary that surrounds my family's private property in the proposed Bitter Creek ACEC be removed. Private property should be considered an ACEC purely at the discretion of the land owner, and ones private property rights should not be infringed upon by an adjacent land owner who arbitrarily labels their neighbors property as such.	Y	
7	7-2	Adopt Alternative B	Livestock Grazing	Social and Economic Resources			I would ask RMP administrators to completely remove Alternative D from RMP consideration; as it's banning of grazing does not coincide with BLM's multiple use policy. With widespread economic distress; any alternative that reduces or restricts economic growth in the private sector should not be considered. Federal budget constraints, as well as the desire to be responsible with taxpayer money, should make any alternative that calls for increased BLM management costs to not be considered.	Y	
7	7-3	Adopt Alternative A	ACECs	Livestock Grazing			Unless private property owners are considered in the apportioning of ACECs', none of the alternatives are ideal. Management should be continued under Alternative A (no action). Unallocated lands should be considered under the existing RMP, and managed accordingly.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
8	8-1	Modify Alternative B	Wild and Scenic Rivers				I also believe that the 3 mile section of the river below Kerkoff Powerhouse is equally as deserving of preservation and should be protected from possible inundation due to enlarging Millerton Reservoir. This area of land is rich in natural history and the environment is a beautiful untouched oasis.	Y	
9	9-1	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Minerals Mgt.	Paleontological Resources	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	the plan is inadequate in the area of allowing casual collecting of a rock, mineral, or invertebrate or plant fossil as recognized in the Omnibus Public Lands act of 2009 and the general mining laws, the mineral or geothermal leasing laws, laws providing for minerals materials disposal, or laws providing for the management or regulation of the activities authorized by the aforementioned laws including but not limited to the Federal Land Policy Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1701-1784), Public Law 94-429 (commonly known as the 'Mining in the Parks Act') (16 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.), the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201-1358), and the Organic Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 478, 482, 551). This land has historical been utilized for mining and the collection of rocks, minerals, invertebrate or plant fossils. These collecting areas need to be recognized in the RMP and access to such mining collecting areas needs to be included.	N	Agrees or disagrees with BLM policy or decisions without justification or supporting data,
9	9-2	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Paleontological Resources	ACECs		In the Horse Canyon Area: 1. The area has been used for decades by rockhounds 2. BLM should take steps to improve vehicular access to the beds. Instead, you are restricting access and won't even let a person pick up a rock or invertebrate or plant fossil in the preferred alternative (no casual use).	Y	
9	9-3	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Paleontological Resources	ACECs		3. It is against BLM policy to close areas to mining unless there is a clear conflict with other uses that can't be resolved any other way. The BLM proposal is not in conformance with BLM policy. 4. BLM could manage the area through a permit system as done elsewhere. It is not necessary to close the area to protect archaeological features and artifacts in the ACEC	Y	
9	9-4	Clarification Request	Recreation and Visitor Services	Minerals Mgt.	Social and Economic Resources	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	How did BLM calculate the economic impacts of mineral collecting and mineral exploration and development? Did BLM consider that mineral collectors contribute to local economies by their exploration activities and collecting?	Y	
10	10-1	Adopt Alternative C or D	Wild and Scenic Rivers				As a former resident of Oakhurst, CA, I thanking you for recommending the San Joaquin River Gorge as a Wild & Scenic River. Please protect this river and its public lands from drowning by the Temperance Flat Dam.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
10	10-2	Adopt Alternative C or D	Wild and Scenic Rivers				BLM should recommend Wild & Scenic protection for the North, Middle, and East Forks of the Kaweah River, Lower Kern River, South Fork Kern River, and Chimney Creek.	N	Agrees or disagrees with BLM policy or decisions without justification or supporting data,
11	11-1	Adopt Alternative C or D	Wild and Scenic Rivers				Please protect this river and its public lands from drowning by the Temperance Flat Dam, and we ask you to recommend Wild & Scenic protection for the North, Middle, and East Forks of the Kaweah River, Lower Kern River, South Fork Kern River, and Chimney Creek.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
12	12-1	Adopt Alternative C or D	Wild and Scenic Rivers				I also urge protection this river and its public lands from drowning by the Temperance Flat Dam. Please recommend Wild & Scenic protection for the North, Middle, and East Forks of the Kaweah River, Lower Kern River, South Fork Kern River, and Chimney Creek.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.

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13	13-2	Clarification Request	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Minerals Mgt.	Paleontological Resources	For each area listed please address and send me your written, in clear and appropriate language, response, within 90 days of the date of this correspondence, to each of the following Six (6) questions: 1. Where will mineral collecting and mineral exploration/development be prohibited or restricted? Please provide a map which includes longitudes and latitudes. 2. What are the known mineral collecting sites or mines in the Decision area? Please provide a map. Include location information (county, township, range, section, latitude, longitude, name of site) 3. What mineral collecting sites or mines will be removed from casual use, exploration or development? Please provide a map and a list of sites, which includes longitudes and latitudes. 4. For mineral collecting sites or mines that are not closed to exploration or development, how will access be restricted or allowed to them? 5. For areas proposed for closure, why was closure chosen? What other alternatives to closure were considered? Was restricted access by permit considered as an alternative to total closure? Under what conditions are vehicles permitted to access the site? Please provide a list of sites and summary of access restrictions to each one. 6. How did BLM calculate the economic impacts of mineral collecting and mineral exploration and development? Did BLM consider that mineral collectors contribute to local economies by their exploration activities? For each area listed please address and send me your written, in clear and appropriate language, response, within 90 days of the date of this correspondence, to each of the following Six (6) questions: 1. Where will mineral collecting and mineral exploration/development be prohibited or restricted? Please provide a map which includes longitudes and latitudes. 2. What are the known mineral collecting sites or mines in the Decision area? Please provide a map. Include location information (county, township, range, section, latitude, longitude, name of site) 3. What mineral collecting sites or mines will be removed from casual use, exploration or development? Please provide a map and a list of sites, which includes longitudes and latitudes. 4. For mineral collecting sites or mines that are not closed to exploration or development, how will access be restricted or allowed to them? 5. For areas proposed for closure, why was closure chosen? What other alternatives to closure were considered? Was restricted access by permit considered as an alternative to total closure? Under what conditions are vehicles permitted to access the site? Please provide a list of sites and summary of access restrictions to each one. 6. How did BLM calculate the economic impacts of mineral collecting and mineral exploration and development? Did BLM consider that mineral collectors	Y	
13	13-3	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.		The area of Horse Canyon in Kern County has been used for decades by Rockhounds BLM should take steps to improve vehicular access to the beds.	Y	
13	13-4	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.		The BLM proposal is not in conformance with BLM policy. BLM could manage the area through a permit system. It is not necessary to close the area to protect archaeological features and artifacts in the ACEC.	Y	
13	13-5	Adopt Alternative A	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.		I choose (Alternative A) which is a no action and then dealing with individual situations as they arise.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
14	14-1	Clarification Request	Recreation and Visitor Services				Please take into consideration the way the people feel about their local b.l.m. plots of land and how they are used no matter how small or large they might be	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
15	15-1	New Information	ACECs	Paleontological Resources			There are huge areas of scientific importance to Earth Scientists that will be closed both in physical access, and for removal of specimens for analysis. My students and I have active research projects in both economic geology and mining history that will be greatly impacted by the proposed withdrawals. Our paleontologist and his students will also be excluded from sites in which they have projects. I have no doubts that there are many other researchers and students who will be adversely impacted, but are not aware of the proposed closures.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
15	15-2	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Paleontological Resources			There does not seem to be any mechanism to issue permits for legitimate scientific research in these areas. This is especially troubling. I can understand closure of sensitive areas to the general public, but even the National Park Service has a mechanism by which researchers may apply for entry to conduct legitimate research activities.	Y	
15	15-3	New Information	ACECs	Paleontological Resources			The closure of areas such as the Horse Canyon Agate Beds and Kettleman Hills paleontology sites to "casual use" collecting will not only eliminate important sites from scientific research, but eliminate areas that we take students on field trips. When properly managed, these "casual use" collecting sites have a very small footprint of impact. A small piece of agate or a fossil can go a long way towards increasing student interest in the sciences, and we have changed many young lives with trips to these and other sites that would be closed. As our enrollment at California State University, San Bernardino qualifies us as both a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and Minority-Serving Institution (MSI), these closures would produce a diminished ability to lead field trips and even viewing of important geology sites that serve these disadvantaged communities. This in turn will impact our main goal with several active federal grants, under which we have been charged with increasing enrollment in the STEM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) by groups that are traditionally underrepresented in STEM.	Y	
15	15-4	Clarification Request	ACECs	Paleontological Resources	Minerals Mgt.		The actual mechanism by which the proposed boundaries have been determined remain a mystery to me. As a geologist, there seems to be little basis in the geology. For example, the proposed plans do not seem to reflect the actual minerals inventory and classification that I observe in the field. These classifications should reflect the geology, and especially the mineral potential of adjoining areas where virtually identical geological conditions (and hence mineralization potential) exist. Perhaps I would understand the logic of these boundaries better if I could obtain copies of the mineral potential maps that were used in the generation of this RMP.	Y	
16	16-1	Adopt Alternative E	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				I am in favor of any alternative that allows the most amount of OHV access and use. I am against any closure of any trails. Please keep as much open for my kids	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
17	17-1	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				We specifically would like to see Option "B" put in place with some of the following restrictions or suggestions. (1) for the closure of many of the BLM trails in the upper west side of Weldon, a suggestion would be to leave at least a couple of those trails open from one point to another; (2) People come down to the Keysville area because they can drive down to the river & camp. this is important to the community & to the public and should be left open; (3) keeping our routes open will disperse use and reduce impacts on our land.	Y	
18	18-1	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				I really appreciate the access granted by your plan B. However, I feel it would be important for me to be able to drive near the river and to camp there.	Y	
19	19-1	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Many of us are concerned the number of routes closed will cause a harmful impact on the remaining routes especially the routes surrounding Keyesville. The ability to drive down to the Kern River and camp is something we wish you would consider keeping open.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.

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21	21-1	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Having trails that connect, loop and have space to turn around give us the best reason to stay on trails and continue to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors. We ask that you look at attaching a few of the trails back and maintaining the easy continuity of the in and outs of trails.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
21	21-2	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				We look forward to seeing a few more openings as well as access to the river.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
22	22-1	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Please take into consideration the access that people enjoy near keysville and the Kern River areas for OHV use.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
22	22-2	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				We would enjoy and appreciate if some trails directly to the river could be left open for use.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
23	23-1	Modify Alternative B	Livestock Grazing				The newly acquired Scodie Meadows area (Richards\Edgar) property needs to be grazed, east end of the meadow shows signs of dying because the density of the thatch seems to be choking out new growth.	Y	
23	23-2	Modify Alternative B	Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			The wilderness boundary signs in my opinion are in the wrong place, they are placed too close to the paved road and have little or no public access. A proper Trail head needs to be established as soon as possible. My suggestion would be to move the wilderness boundary to the east to the area of the existing foundations and water well. The trail along the north side of the meadow has been destroyed and should be cleared and reopened otherwise hikers and horseback riders will opt to ride and hike in the meadow.	Y	
24	24-1	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Paleontological Resources	ACECs	Most rock, gem, mineral and fossil collecting locations have unique deposits that are unique to that location and are not found elsewhere. No practical mitigation is available for loss of access to such areas, therefore we request that such locations be excluded from closure or restriction and that motorized access, including spur roads serving those locations, be maintained.	Y	
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24	24-4	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.		The BLM proposal is not in conformance with BLM policy. BLM could manage the area through a permit system. It is not necessary to close the area to protect archaeological features and artifacts in the ACEC.	Y	
24	24-5	Adopt Alternative A	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.		I choose( Alternative A) which is a no action and then dealing with individual situations as they arise.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
25	25-1	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Paleontological Resources	ACECs	Most rock, gem, mineral and fossil collecting locations have unique deposits that are unique to that location and are not found elsewhere. No practical mitigation is available for loss of access to such areas, therefore we request that such locations be excluded from closure or restriction and that motorized access, including spur roads serving those locations, be maintained.	Y	

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25	25-4	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.		The BLM proposal is not in conformance with BLM policy. BLM could manage the area through a permit system. It is not necessary to close the area to protect archaeological features and artifacts in the ACEC.	Y	
25	25-6	Adopt Alternative A	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.		I choose (Alternative A) which is a no action and then dealing with individual situations as they arise.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
26	26-1	Develop a New Alternative	Cave and Karst Resources	Water Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services		I encourage you to consider alternate locations for the construction of a new dam apart from flooding the San Joaquin River Gorge and the Millerton Cave System.	N	Outside the scope of the RMP
26	26-2	Adopt Alternative A, B, or E	Cave and Karst Resources	Water Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services		I urge you keep Millerton Cave accessible to the public and above the waterline	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
27	27-1	Adopt Alternative B	Wild and Scenic Rivers				for the recommendation for the 5.4 miles of the mighty san joaquin river to get the wild and scenic designation	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
28	28-1	Adopt Alternative C	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics	ACECs	Please adopt Alternative C, which proposes Wild & Scenic protection for all eligible streams, fully protects all Wilderness Study Areas and other lands with wilderness characteristics, and establishes more than 108,000 acres of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
28	28-2	Modify Alternative C	Livestock Grazing				Alternative C should be modified to not only close to grazing riparian corridors in the San Joaquin River Gorge, North Fork Kaweah River, South Fork Kern River, and other areas of ecological importance, but also remove grazing in all allotments where livestock grazing has violated range health standards.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
28	28-3	New Information	Livestock Grazing	Biological Resources	Water Resources		Grazing animals have repeatedly adversely impacted vernal pools and other riparian sites.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
29	29-1	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Paleontological Resources	ACECs	Most rock, gem, mineral and fossil collecting locations have unique deposits that are unique to that location and are not found elsewhere. No practical mitigation is available for loss of access to such areas, therefore we request that such locations be excluded from closure or restriction and that motorized access, including spur roads serving those locations, be maintained.	Y	

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29	29-5	Adopt Alternative A	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.		I choose (Alternative A) which is a no action and then dealing with individual situations as they arise.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
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31	31-5	Adopt Alternative A	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.		I choose( Alternative A) which is a no action and then dealing with individual situations as they arise.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
32	32-1	New Information	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services			In October 2011, the signage at the Skyline Drive entrance was changed. Whereas there used to be signage stating that no motor vehicles were allowed in the area, that information is no longer posted. Rules for target shooting and hunting are also no longer posted. In addition, the map that showed the location of trails and picnic tables was removed, and replaced with a map that shows nothing but the outlines of the use area (not even including the roads that would help you orient on the map). In short, useful and important information was removed and replaced with dangerously incomplete information. PLEASE REPLACE THE RELEVANT SIGNAGE!	N	Does not pertain to the plan
32	32-2	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services			In terms of the draft resource management plan, I would urge that Case Mountain receive a special high-use designation that makes it off limits to hunting and shooting. The area is highly used on a daily basis by hikers, mountain bikers and horse riders (including neighbors out walking their dogs and kids playing). The area is densely wooded and criss crossed with single-track trails, and all shooting is highly dangerous. I have had way too close encounters with hunters who are not respecting the one-mile distance from dwellings, and not checking to see if anyone is in their range. PLEASE MAKE CASE MOUNTAIN OFF LIMITS TO HUNTING/TARGET SHOOTING.	Y	
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33	33-5	Adopt Alternative A	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.		I choose( Alternative A) which is a no action and then dealing with individual situations as they arise.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
34	34-1	Modify Alternative B	Lands and Realty	Recreation and Visitor Services			my idea is not a new one but it seems to me there is an awful lot of public land being given away for solar power development. There are also a lot of urban roof-tops under the sun's rays every day, homes that are already part of the electric utility grid. Instead of using prime desert area that will be closed to the public as well as access roads leading to recreational areas, why not fill these urban roof-tops with solar panels. I understand there are many start-up companies vying for public acreage that want to harness the sun's power and re- sell it to the public. Fine but don't take valuable desert land when there are so many rooftops going unused, it's a crime and a shame The big issue here is "public land", how is it that some one can go out the desert and use public land for profit. Once the solar arrays are in place it's not so public any more. That means less public land for the recreational public to use.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
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120	120-1	Other	NEPA Adequacy	Other	Recreation and Visitor Services		I have been contacting Rockhounds across Central California and notifying them of the Bakersfield Office of BLM's change of email system. Rockhounds throughout Central California are considering any email address the Bakersfield Office with guarded suspicions, and rightfully so. This change in the email system has created an unnecessary burden on Rockhounds, which are tax paying citizens, in their course of corresponding with their BDRMP/EIS responses. On behalf of Rockhounds throughout Central California, who have suffered this unnecessary and inappropriate setback in avenues of correspondence established by the Bakersfield Office, I am requesting a 60day extension of the public's response time period until February 9, 2012.	N	Request relates solely to planning process and is deemed unsubstantive due to the fact that all other avenues for public comment remained unchanged and sufficient time remained in the comment period.
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122	122-1	Modify Alternative B	Lands and Realty	ACECs			I am writing to oppose wind energy development on Federal Lands in the Tehachapi Mountains; and to support Ranchers for Responsible Conservation's efforts to do the same. My family and friends visit this area for recreational activities; and wind energy development will have a terrible impact on the land, our recreational use of the land, the residents' way of life, and the future of these lands. We request that these public lands be off limits to wind energy Rights of Way and unavailable for disposal in the new Resource Management Plan for the BLM Bakersfield Field Office. This draft Plan makes many other lands within the BLM's management area off-limits to wind energy development, but does not provide this same protection to BLM Lands in the Tehachapi Mountains. The BLM Lands in the Tehachapi Mountains that are within the BLM Bakersfield Office's jurisdiction are a set of scattered in-holdings surrounded by private property (primarily ranchlands with low-impact grazing and recreational uses), and almost no paved roads or development. Allowing these isolated BLM Lands to be developed for wind energy projects, either by making the BLM Lands available for acquisition by deep-pocketed developers or by allowing right of way leases, would force major changes on the surrounding private lands, the residents' way of life, and our recreational use and enjoyment of the lands.	Y	

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129	129-1	Modify Alternatives C and D	ACECs	Livestock Grazing			We live and operate our cattle ranch on the private property that the BLM plans to continue to include within the Chico Martinez Area of Critical Environmental Concern. We do not agree with this designation and believe it is federal government overreach of authority. With that in mind, we ask that you remove the restrictive federal designation and boundary lines that surround our private property within the Chico Martinez ACEC, and that no other federal land management designations would be made in regards to our property without our express permission.	Y	
129	129-2	Adopt Alternative A	ACECs	Livestock Grazing			We also ask that you make no major management changes and stick with the No-Action Alternative (A.)	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
130	130-1	Modify Alternatives C and D	ACECs	Cultural Resources			We are objecting to your designation of the cultural and historic sites that are not on BLM property. With that in mind, we ask that you remove the restrictive federal designation and boundary lines that surround our private property within the Chico Martinez ACEC, and that no other federal land management designations would be made in regards to our property without our express permission.	Y	
130	130-2	Adopt Alternative A	ACECs	Livestock Grazing			We also ask that you make no major management changes and stick with the No- Action Alternative (A.)	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
131	131-1	Modify Alternative C	Wild and Scenic Rivers				I applaud and support your recommendations and encourage you to consider protections for the North, Middle, and East Forks of the Kaweah River, Lower Kern River, South Fork Kern River, and Chimney Creek.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
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133	133-1	Clarification Request	Minerals Mgt.	Paleontological Resources			You mention that there are no current permits for any work in some of these areas. This does not include work for which no permit is required, or future work that might have geological significance.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
133	133-2	Clarification Request	Minerals Mgt.	Paleontological Resources			The boundaries I am concerned about are the areas for withdrawal. It seems that rocks with similar/identical age and lithology should be considered as having the same mineralogical or paleontological potential.	Y	

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134	134-01	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services	Minerals Mgt.	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Reading through the draft plan it has come to our attention the preferred plan would withdraw the horse canyon area from mining law .no mineral entry our casual collecting. Closing off the whole a.c.e.c. from collecting of agate.to quote from the r.p.m. volum2 chapter four [this would eliminate the opportunity for collecting this rare variety of tubuculer green moss agate at this world —class mineral collecting locality.] 1. This concerns us because the horse canyon area is one of the traditional agate and rock collecting sites of our club since its conception many years past. See exhibit page 2. We also have an agate claim in the horse canyon and are interested in keeping motorized access to our claim. This would insure our older member keep access to the club claim. See exhibit page Sr— 9 3. We also need motorized access for casual collecting on the b.l.m. controlled land. This is in keeping with the b.l.m Bakersfield resource management plan volume 1 chapter 2 management common to all mode of action alternatives.[ 2.2.11 comprehensive trail and travel management, see exhibit page	Y	
135	135-1	Adopt Alternative D	Livestock Grazing				Adopt Alternative D. No grazing.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
135	135-2	Develop a New Alternative	Air and Atmospheric Values	Biological Resources			I would have preferred a more environmentally friendly alternative. The Bureau of Land Management should prioritize the protection of biological and botanical resources, improvement of air quality, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
135	135-3	Adopt Alternative D	Livestock Grazing				With climate change animals and plants need to be able to migrate. Cattle grazing destroys habitat and introduces alien species. There is no responsible management of various BLM land parcels in Three Rivers. Privately owned goats and cattle range on BLM land especially at the South Fork of the Kaweah River. If you designate forks of the Kaweah River scenic and/or recreational and don't patrol them, while allowing public access, you will create, a lawless, gang dominated riverfront like we suffered from on the North Fork for years. Local residents were threatened, scared and furious at BLM.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
136	136-1	Adopt Alternative C	Wild and Scenic Rivers				I support the BLM's Alternative C to protect this important segment of the San Joaquin.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
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139	139-1	Modify Alternative B	Paleontological Resources				The international Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (SVP) has a memorandum indicating that the best place for a significant fossil is in a museum repository, not weathering at the outcrop. Please incorporate this concept when rewriting the PMP.	Y	
139	139-10	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 239. Paragraph 4 Paleo resources...subject to direct BLM management. "Direct" BLM management in RMP is management by "Closure"	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
139	139-11	Modify Alternative A, B, C, D, and E	Paleontological Resources				Page 239. Paragraph 4. Paleo resources...subject to direct BLM management. Describe "Direct" BLM management: Where is Pro-active mutual assistance from volunteer paleontologists?	Y	
139	139-12	Modify Alternative A, B, C, D, and E	Paleontological Resources				Page 239. Paragraph 4. Paleo resources...subject to direct BLM management. Describe "Direct" BLM management: Where is cyclic prospecting & inventory?	Y	
139	139-13	Modify Alternative A, B, C, D, and E	Paleontological Resources				Page 239. Paragraph 4. Paleo resources...subject to direct BLM management. Describe "Direct" BLM management: When are fossils deposited in museum repository?	Y	
139	139-14	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 240. Table 3.6-2. List is inadequate: What is the relationship of the PFYC 4 Kern River Formation to the RMP?	Y	
139	139-15	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 240. Table 3.6-2. List is inadequate: What is the relationship of multiple fossiliferous tar seeps near McKittrick to the RMP?	Y	
139	139-16	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 240. Table 3.6-2. List is inadequate: What is the relationship of the PFYC 4 Caliente Formation to the RMP?	Y	
139	139-17	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 240. Table 3.6-2. List is inadequate: What is the relationship of the PFYC 4 Quatal Formation to the RMP?	Y	
139	139-18	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 240. Table 3.6-2. List is inadequate: What is the relationship of the PFYC 4 Peace Valley/Hungry Valley Formations to the RMP?	Y	
139	139-19	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 240. Table 3.6-2. List is inadequate: How does the RMP deal with impacts to known fossiliferous formations (Round Mtn. Silt, Kern River Fm) in areas where they are present below the surface?	Y	
139	139-2	Modify Alternative B	Paleontological Resources				The RMP presents closure and restriction as a primary option for paleontological resource management. In fact, such an option does not address the actual preservation of the resource. Management procedures involve conducting cyclic prospecting (Fremd, 1995) for significant resources followed by trained removal from the exposure and placement in a museum repository helps assure preservation of fossil resources.	Y	
139	139-20	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 240. Table 3.6-2. List is inadequate: Possible omissions of fossiliferous formations from the list strongly suggests the need to develop a surface/subsurface Paleo Sensitivity Map to be used by the BLM and other agencies.	Y	
139	139-21	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 241. Paragraph 1 There are no PFYC Class 5 formations...Why isn't Maricopa tar deposit PFYC Class 5?	Y	
139	139-22	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 241. Paragraph 1. There are no PFYC Class 5 formations... Why are Round Mountain Silt bone beds not PFYC Class 5?	Y	
139	139-23	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 241. Paragraph 1. There are no PFYC Class 5 formations...Why is Kern River Fm. not PFYC Class 5?	Y	
139	139-24	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 241. Paragraph 3. Unregulated casual collecting of agates... resulted in damage and destruction of (Paleo) resources. How many occurrences have been documented? Describe! If no conflict has been documented, then closure is not warranted.	Y	
139	139-25	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 241. Paragraph 6 ...collection of all vertebrate (fossils)...requires a BLM Permit.... Add that fossils collected must be deposited in museum repository.	Y	
139	139-26	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 445. Paragraph 7 ...analysis focuses on... Focus should be broadened to a parcel-specific, surface/subsurface basis	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
139	139-27	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 445. Paragraph 7 ...analysis focuses on "localities"... Replace "localities" with "formations" or "sedimentary units"	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
139	139-28	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 445. Paragraph 7 ...analysis focuses on localities...Why not Kern River Fm.	Y	
139	139-29	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 445. Paragraph 7. Sand Canyon-Cache Creek (Horse Canyon). Variable usage throughout document. Use "Sand Canyon—Cache Creek (Horse Canyon)" throughout for continuity.	Y	

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139	139-3	Modify Alternative B	Paleontological Resources				The RMP uses "Inventory and data recovery" as a resource management option only when keyed to an undertaking where mitigation of impacts is funded by the project proponent. The RMP should include programs for paleontological resource management for all formations where resources are being affected by and exposed by erosion, followed by possible damage from human activities. A pro-active management program includes cyclic prospecting (Fremd, 1995), inventory, removal, and curation at a museum repository.	Y	
139	139-30	Other	Paleontological Resources				Page 446. Paragraph 2 ...increase the accessibility... Good comment!	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
139	139-31	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 446. Paragraph 3 ...recreational collection...potential for direct impacts. How many occurrences have been documented? Describe! If no conflict has been documented, then closure is not warranted.	Y	
139	139-32	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 446. Paragraph 4. Analysis is limited... Correct the limited analysis. Dont make decisions based on incomplete data	Y	
139	139-33	Other	Paleontological Resources				Page 447. Paragraph 5. OHV Limited Area....Good comment!	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
139	139-34	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 447. Paragraph 8 Specimens may be recorded and recovered. Add: ....and deposited in a museum repository.	Y	
139	139-35	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 448. Paragraph 2. Special management...Define here or in this section.	Y	
139	139-36	Modify Alternative B	Paleontological Resources				Page 448. Paragraph 2. Special management...Definition should include public education and site stewardship programs	Y	
139	139-37	Modify Alternative B	Paleontological Resources				Page 448. Paragraph 2. Restriction on casual collection...No conflict documented, why invoke restriction/closure? Try education and volunteer stewardship programs.	Y	
139	139-38	Modify Alternative C	Paleontological Resources				Page 448. Paragraph 6. Restriction on casual collection...No conflict documented, why invoke restriction? How will paleo research be possible?	Y	
139	139-39	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 449. Paragraph 4. Restriction on casual collection... No conflict documented, why invoke restriction? How will paleo research be possible?	Y	
139	139-4	Modify Alternative B	Paleontological Resources				Mutual assistance programs to reduce cost of resource management should be mentioned as resource management options. Programs involving cyclic prospecting and inventory are currently operational in California. Using California's long and fascinating fossil history as a focus, paleontological stewardship programs can be developed to assist BLM Field Offices throughout the Planning Area.	Y	
139	139-40	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 450. Paragraph 1 ...and unauthorized removal... Add: "Potential" unauthorized removal... unless documentation is presented.	Y	
139	139-41	Modify Alternative B	Paleontological Resources				The RMP favors "restriction and closure" as the only form of resource management. This is not the best practice, since paleontological resources are still subject to damage by natural erosional causes as well as potential unauthorized collecting. Please include paleontological resource management programs such as encouraging paleontological research and inventory by volunteer stewardship programs, as well as public education, when writing about "special management."	Y	
139	139-42	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				When discussing "data recovery (collecting of vertebrate fossils and associated (significant) invertebrate and significant plant fossils)" in the RMP, statements about collecting will be clearer to the reader if they note that specimens must be deposited in a museum repository.	Y	
139	139-43	Adopt Alternative B	Paleontological Resources				Alternative B is preferred if accompanied by encouragement of paleontological research and inventory by volunteer stewardship programs.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
139	139-5	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 60. Paragraph 7. Paleontological Resources. Provide definition of significant paleontological resources (from SVP guidelines).	Y	
139	139-6	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 60. Paragraph 8 Objectives. Calls for preparing a paleontological resource map (PRM) of the RMP using records & literature searches.	Y	
139	139-7	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 61. Paragraph 1. Decisions. Add: Cyclic Prospecting and inventory programs	Y	
139	139-8	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 61. Paragraph 1. Decisions. Add: Site stewardship programs	Y	
139	139-9	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Page 61. Paragraph 5. Accommodate permit requests. Add: Prospecting, inventory, stewardship programs	Y	
140	140-1	Clarification Request	Paleontological Resources				Why are the McKittrick tar seep fossil lands not included in Table 3.6-2, page 240, of the Draft document? My maps of BLM acreage in Township 30S, Range 22E clearly show acreage where fossil excavations of Pleistocene vertebrate animals have occurred. This area is one of only four paleo tar seeps in the continental U.S. to contain significant fossils. Similar to Rancho La Brea, large vertebrates such as saber tooth cats, mammoth, horse, wolf, and other fossils have come from these beds. The beds have not been totally excavated, and invertebrate/insect and plant fossils can still be found today. If this area was in Table 3.6-2, it should be classified as a Potential Fossil Yield Class 5 area.	Y	
140	140-2	Modify Alternative B	Paleontological Resources				The Round Mountain Silt Sharktooth Hill bone beds would also seem to be worthy of a Class 5 PFYC designation, rather than the currently proposed Class 4 designation.	Y	
140	140-3	Modify Alternative B	Paleontological Resources				It appears that four of five Alternative Actions call for closure of areas to recreational rock collecting. Could an alternative be to involve of avocational groups in activities that could combine learning with preservation activities?	Y	
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195	195-1	Adopt Alternative A	ACECs				SoCalGas requests that existing access roads in newly designated Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC's) remain operational to ensure access to natural gas assets.	Y	
195	195-2	Adopt Alternative A	ACECs				Volume 1 of the RMP/EIS document states that Right-of-Way (ROW) corridors may require resource specific BMPs applied as terms and conditions of ROW authorizations. It is unclear if individual projects must be submitted to the BLM for prior approval and case-by-case authorization; SoCalGas requests clarification regarding the BLM's role in project review. If case-by-case authorizations are required, this stipulation has the potential to significantly slow down the project approval and construction process, which is a concern in cases of emergency or CPUC mandated activities. SoCalGas believes that resource protection is sufficiently achieved by adhering to existing environmental permit conditions (if necessary) and using standard internal BMPs during project construction.	Y	
195	195-3	Adopt Alternative A	Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas				SoCalGas believes that a half mile "buffer" on either side of existing lines should be established between designated Wilderness Areas.	Y	
195	195-4	Modify Alternative B	Biological Resources				SoCalGas implements the San Joaquin Valley Programmatic Biological Opinion for activities occurring within habitat suitable for federally listed species on BLM managed lands and requests clarification regarding the potential for adoption of the revised RMP to modify the administration of the San Joaquin Valley Programmatic Biological Opinion by the BLM (e.g. habitat compensation, review requirements, and avoidance and minimization measures). SoCalGas wishes to collaborate with Bakersfield BLM staff to ensure that infeasible minimization and mitigation measures and reporting and authorization requirements are not imposed on SoCalGas activities above and beyond the requirements of the existing San Joaquin Valley Programmatic Biological Opinion.	Y	
195	195-5	Modify Alternative B	Cultural Resources				SoCalGas requests verification that the BLM will continue to screen projects on a case-by-case basis regardless of which alternative is chosen. If so, the current program effectively manages cultural resources in relation to SoCalGas infrastructure according to all applicable federal laws and guidelines.	Y	
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197	197-1	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services	Minerals Mgt.	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	I have a mining claim in the horse canyon A.C.E.C. And I am worried that the new land use plan will make it impossible to get to or work my claim. I would like to keep access to my claim and that of the club I belong to. Without motorized access it would make it all but impossible to maintain our claims.	Y	
197	197-2	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Recreation and Visitor Services	Lands and Realty		I live on the west side of KERN COUNTY, and with the closure's called for on the blm land on the west side of Kern county I am asking if in the plan would it be possible to have some blm land and access to that land be designated for shooting sports.. With most of the blm land closed .it a person would have to drive a long ways to get to a place to target practice.	Y	
198	198-1	Adopt Alternative C	ACECs	Biological Resources			However the Board believes the choice of Alternative B as the Preferred Alternative is a retreat from BLM's current standards in the conservation of biological resources, which would best be conserved through adoption of Alternative C as the Preferred Alternative.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
198	198-2	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Biological Resources			Our chief concern is the elimination of an existing Salinas River ACEC. The existing ACECs are protected under Alternatives A (current management) and C, but under Alternative B are subject to management which "balances resource conservation and ecosystem health with the production of commodities and public use of the land." Therefore it must be presumed that the removal of the Salinas River from the protection afforded by an ACEC must be justified by BLM as enabling either resource extraction or increased recreational use and its attendant risk of impacts.	Y	
198	198-3	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Biological Resources			CNPS strongly encourages moving the Rusty Peak and Irish Hills Special Management Areas (SMAs) into the higher level of protection afforded by an ACEC. As BLM has experienced at its Hollister office, serpentine plant communities are considered both very rare and worthy of exceptional conservation standards.	Y	
198	198-4	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Air and Atmospheric Values	Public Safety and Health	Biological Resources	CNPS is also concerned with maintaining a high quality landscape on the edges of Carrizo Plain National Monument. The 1996 RMP makes no mention of the Temblor Range Special Recreation Management Area, and it is mentioned in Chapter 3 in the context of being dropped from consideration as an ACEC, which we do not oppose. The environmental assessment in Chapter 4 (p.399) correctly expresses concern that SRMAs can result in long term environmental degradation, and this would be of great concern on the east side of the Temblor Range. The range is dominated by very thin friable soils that, in areas not converted to grains, support a wide variety of desert-associated annual wildflower species. The soils and the siliceous rubbles below them are very prone to badland erosion. Thus CNPS is concerned that, in creating an opportunity for "risk-taking adventure" (p.102), BLM expects to have steep trails and opportunities for high speed travel by dirt bikes etc. CNPS supports "community" marketing (p.102) of an SMRA, but not at the expense of the permanent disfigurement of the landscape and the considerable health risk that will arise from the very dusty soils. As an additional matter not discussed in the document, CNPS notes that San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control Board is trying to reduce fine particle dust (PM2.5) by a significant amount. This proposed off road vehicle use is upwind of major population centers and will be a likely source of dust. The Temblor Range currently provides a wildlife corridor between the LoKern preserve and the Carrizo Plain National Monument, and thus any intense recreational activity has the potential to block the corridor. CNPS does not wish to shut down active OHV activity in this area, but it will be critical that BLM plans the SRMA with great care.	Y	
199	199-1	Adopt Alternative C	Recreation and Visitor Services				While in general, we are more supportive of option C, we have reservations with this option as well	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
199	199-10	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				while "Non-mechanized" denotes horseback, we believe the inclusion of mules would be appropriate	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.

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199	199-11	Adopt Alternative B	Livestock Grazing				On page 97, under 2.3.7, we agree with the conclusion that 328,700 acres should remain available for livestock grazing, as this has been an historical use of this public land	N	Agrees or disagrees with BLM policy or decisions without justification or supporting data,
199	199-12	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Minerals Mgt.			On page 101, the closure of 10,965 acres gives us some concern. We understand the concern with the access to acreage within producing oilfields, which would pose some identifiable public safety concerns, and we assume any other such closures would be required to identify some similar safety concern, backed by scientific reasoning, to justify the closure before any such implementation. We believe public hearings should be held before any such closure.	Y	
199	199-13	Modify Alternative B	Livestock Grazing				On page 106, the EIS proposes the closure for livestock grazing purposes the area of Horse Canyon ACEC. Grazing in this area has a long history in this area, a history that predates the existence of BLM. We fail to see the necessity of this closure, and the EIS fails to provide any reasonable rationale for this closure	Y	
199	199-14	Modify Alternative C	Livestock Grazing				On page 126, again the EIS proposes the closure for livestock grazing purposes of Horse Canyon ACEC. The comments above apply here as well.	N	Agrees or disagrees with BLM policy or decisions without justification or supporting data,
199	199-15	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				On page 127, the EIS seeks to prohibit public access to recreation sites along the North Fork of the Kaweah River. All of the alternatives contain this prohibition. These sites include some historic sites relative to the original Kaweah Colony, and it appears to us that rather than prohibiting public access, this site should be developed for increased public access. This is an opportunity to educate the public about the historical significance of this site as well as the effects of unchecked harvesting of the sequoia forests in the area. Further, closure of this area effectively shuts off access to the river anywhere in Three Rivers. The only way to enjoy the river would be to own property on the river. There is no environmental justification for this closure. Therefore, while the EIS seeks to designate this portion as Scenic/Recreational (see page 109), this section of the EIS prohibits the "Recreational" aspect, and the closure seems to eliminate the "Scenic" aspect as well. The only way this river could become "Scenic" or "Recreational" is to those individuals who commit State crimes by violating private property owners rights by trespass, or violating this prohibition on public access.	Y	
199	199-16	Clarification Request	Recreation and Visitor Services				On page 130, 146, and 149, the same concerns apply as stated on page 127	N	Agrees or disagrees with BLM policy or decisions without justification or supporting data,
199	199-17	Adopt Alternative E	Recreation and Visitor Services				On page 159, the Targeted Activities, Experiences and Benefits enumerated, generally pertaining to hiking, horseback riding/packing, and primitive camping are all very good goals, and we would like to see this language in all of the alternatives under this EIS.	N	Agrees or disagrees with BLM policy or decisions without justification or supporting data,
199	199-18	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				That said, on page 162, the EIS contemplates prohibition of campfires and overnight camping at the Kaweah River recreation sites, or the discharge of firearms for any purpose. We would suppose that if a policy were to be adopted prohibiting access to this area anyway (see the comments under page 127, 130, 146, and 149), this would be a moot issue. But we fail to see how this restriction furthers the goals enumerated on page 159, and again the EIS fails to cite any scientific reason for this closure, or any of the restrictions. Again, the recent directives by the President, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Director of BLM make the shooting prohibition contrary to national public policy.	Y	
199	199-19	Modify Alternative B	Cultural Resources				Please note that on page 235 the EIS notes the historic nature of this area, and inexplicably claims this area is managed by BLM to protect these cultural resources while providing for river access. Apparently the author of this section failed to review pages 127, 130, 146, and 149. As of November, 2011, these areas have been closed to the public since 2007, and the EIS contemplates closing them permanently. This is neither protection nor provision. A lack of resources is not an environmental concern (see page 304, footnote 16). Budgetary problems need to be addressed at the federal level, and have no place in an EIS that tends to stay in place forever. BLM may not "pass the buck" by creating EIS-backed policy that would absolve it of seeking the funds needed to carry out its mission	Y	
199	199-2	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Throughout the EIS, there are numerous references to the severe restriction of shooting and hunting on BLM lands. We assume that you are aware of the recent directive from the Obama Administration, which ordered the Secretary of the Interior, which then ordered the Director of BLM, to desist in its plans to limit firearm use. We presume that BLM will need to revise its stance on this use of BLM lands in accordance with these directives, and registering our displeasure in this restrictive action is presumably superfluous at this stage.	Y	
199	199-20	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Biological Resources	Wildland Fire Ecology and Mgt.		We are concerned about the increased use of OHV's, partly for the reasons cited on page 271 concerning the creation of unauthorized routes, but also the noise pollution and increased risk of wild land fire. OHV use should be highly regulated to reduce these risks, and the creation of these unauthorized routes, which create extensive environmental damage must not be tolerated. If this activity cannot be controlled, we believe BLM should have the authority to curtail all OHV use in this area.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
199	199-21	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services			Page 290 provides a map of the area. We are most concerned about the Case Mountain ACEC and Blue Ridge ACEC. We are concerned about the designation that they are subject to discretionary closure, without providing under what criteria they could be closed. We would like to see some language that would provide such criteria, and hopefully in non-emergency situations would allow for public input before a closure	Y	
199	199-22	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Biological Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	Similarly, the groves of sequoias located in this area can quite easily be regulated by restriction of travel through them. That restriction should apply not only to equestrians, but also to hikers and mountain bikers. We assume these areas are already inaccessible to motorized vehicles, but, of course the restriction should apply here as well	Y	
199	199-23	Modify Alternative B	Livestock Grazing	Biological Resources	Soil Resources		We are particularly concerned with the conclusions reached on page 387. This, incidentally, is the only section in the report that specifically cites scientific studies, albeit out of context. For example, for the prospect that "Livestock transport and introduce weed seed cling to their fur and in their manure. Livestock hooves break and trample soil crusts and create germination sites for weedy species. Movement of livestock across non-level landscapes results in a generalized net movement of soil down slope; even moderate slopes are likely to suffer soil erosion under moderate grazing pressure." For this proposition, the author cites an article written by Mwendera, et al. 1997. This article, which is available on the Internet, is a study in either Swaziland or Zimbabwe (it's not clear which) and studies human impact and human waste (read untreated sewage). What this has to do with cattle in the Western U.S. is a mystery. The author goes on to cite an article by Hoorman and MCCutcheon, 2005, for the proposition concerning impacts to riparian areas, including loss of vegetation, soil disturbance, etc. This article is also available on the Internet. This is a study of cattle operations in Ohio, which employ far different ranching methods that are different from anywhere west of the 100th Meridian. This observation was first made by Zebulon Pike in 1810, see Beyond the Hundreth Meridian, Wallace Stegner, 1954, PP3, 214. See also Virgin Land, Henry Nash Smith, (Cambridge, Mass.) pp. 35-43; The Great Plains, Walter Webb.; The Grasslands of North America, John Wesley Powell, Report of the Lands of the Arid Region. The rainfall rate drops precipitously at that juncture. And the area required per unit (read cow) increases accordingly to the East. Thus, in Ohio, the number of units per acre far outnumbers the number of units per acre in California. The study, therefore, may have great relevance in Ohio, or Pennsylvania for that matter, but has no real relevance in California, Colorado, Texas, Nevada, or any western state.	Y	
199	199-24	Modify Alternative B	Livestock Grazing	Biological Resources			We therefore question the undocumented conclusions of this entire section. Who, for example studied the conclusion that "grazing spreads the weedy nonnative grasses that form the bulk of the fine flashy fuels"? Every conclusion in this section is unsupported by any evidence, and when one is provided, it is demonstrably false	Y	

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199	199-25	Adopt Alternative A, B, or E	Recreation and Visitor Services				We are vigorously opposed to the proposal outlined on page 413, section 4.2.5, which would close thousands of acres to camping and campfires, the discharge of firearms, and equestrian use	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
199	199-26	Clarification Request	Biological Resources	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services		On page 418, we again question the riparian objectives of the some 31,000 acres including Kaweah as a designated ACEC	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
199	199-27	Adopt Alternative C	Visual Resources				We would draw your attention to the table, 4.8-1, which documents the Visual Resource Inventory under the various alternatives. We note that of the various alternatives available, Alternative C meets or exceeds any of the other alternatives	N	Agrees or disagrees with BLM policy or decisions without justification or supporting data.
199	199-28	Adopt Alternative C	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Comparing the impacts of Alternative C with other alternatives, Alternative C would restrict OHV use in significant ways. We do not oppose OHV's, but we think there is an appropriate place for that activity, and there is an inappropriate place. Inappropriate places include high risk to public safety (and our stock users are particularly sensitive to OHV use on this basis) fire concerns, and also the creation of unauthorized trails that creates threats of erosion and other environmental concerns. Motorized vehicles create far greater impacts on soil stability than pack animals ever could inflict.	N	Agrees or disagrees with BLM policy or decisions without justification or supporting data.
199	199-29	Modify Alternative B	Livestock Grazing	ACECs			We are concerned about the unsupported statement on page 496 that "new information" has emerged concerning compatibility of livestock grazing in portions of Kaweah ACEC, causing the area to be classified as Unavailable. While there might be some good reasons for this conclusion, the EIS doesn't tell us what this might be. Again, this has no place in an EIS. While some broad policy might be appropriate, allowing BLM to alter its policy after public hearing, a broad statement that this area is unavailable for all time, especially following a paragraph stating that new information about the Blue Ridge ACEC has changed the direction of BLM, making more grazing opportunities available, seems a little strange. A statement admitting that these conditions remain fluid, and are likely to remain so, followed by a statement that nonetheless another area is now unavailable, is just inconsistent. The inconsistency continues on page 498	Y	
199	199-3	Clarification Request	Recreation and Visitor Services				On Page 53, we are concerned about the language about the "Seasonal Closings" and "restricting equestrian use". While we completely understand seasonal closings due to extreme weather conditions for example, the term seasonal closings connotes the arbitrary closure of thousands of acres. We assume that closures occur based on any condition that would make the area subject to a hazardous state including fire. BLM certainly can do that without the designation of "seasonal closing".	Y	
199	199-30	Adopt Alternative C	Recreation and Visitor Services	Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	Social and Economic Resources		Page 521 illustrates the changes of use associated with various uses. Equestrian use would increase by 17%, hunting by 14%, overnight camping by 19% and shooting sports by 27%. We are encouraged by the proposed increased recreational usage under Alternative C, and it is a fundamental reason we support this alternative, with the reservations we have expressed elsewhere. We are particularly encouraged by the sentiments expressed on page 547, 4.21.4. We fully support the maintenance of these lands as wilderness, with the proviso that they remain open to public access, with reasonable restriction. We will continue to educate the public concerning the "leave no trace" ethic we have long adopted as an institutional goal of the Back Country Horsemen of America. The economic impacts of Alternative C also seem to have no significant ramifications (see page 570 et seq.)	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
199	199-31	Clarification Request	Biological Resources				The potential habitat for Fairy Shrimp includes 60 acres. There is no real evidence cited that Fairy Shrimp actually exist here	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
199	199-32	Modify Alternative B	Biological Resources	NEPA Adequacy			The California Tiger Salamander is also cited, but one hasn't been seen since 2003, although abundant habitat exists. The EIS contemplates a reintroduction effort, but, again, we question whether this a proper question for an EIS	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
199	199-33	Clarification Request	Biological Resources				The thought that there are eight deer herd units stretches credulity. There are many more.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
199	199-34	Clarification Request	Cultural Resources				In conclusion, we would like to see a far more comprehensive examination of the historical uses of this region	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
199	199-35	Adopt Alternative C	Recreation and Visitor Services				In summary, while we believe that alternative C comes closest to meeting our concerns, we still have some deep reservations even under this alternative	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
199	199-36	Adopt Alternative B, C, D, or E	Other	NEPA Adequacy			We would hope that the lack of scientific documentation that supports the conclusions enumerated in the EIS would also be addressed	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
199	199-4	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Similarly, we fail to see how restricting equestrian use, again as an arbitrary measure, does anything to protect the environment in the Salt Creek area. Equestrian use at this time is quite minimal, and again, if there were to be some identifiable hazard, supported scientifically, areas should be restricted, not only to equestrians, but also to hikers and other users	Y	
199	199-5	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Biological Resources			On page 56, the EIS contemplates the prohibition of equestrian cross-country travel. While this restriction would apply only to Atwell Island, an area rarely, if ever, visited by the High Sierra Unit of BCHA, we question why equestrian use is singled out. As this prohibition is deemed justified "for protection of sensitive biological resources and to restore retired farm land to native habitat", it would seem that the prohibition should include mechanized vehicles, and indeed hiking and camping. We take issue with the notion that this type of management is consistent with the mission of BLM.	Y	
199	199-6	Clarification Request	Biological Resources				On Page 58, one of the Key Implementations is to minimize the introduction and spread of weeds. The definition of weed is an unwanted plant. We suggest you change the nomenclature to "non-native species", if indeed that is what you mean.	Y	
199	199-7	Clarification Request	Biological Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services			It requires BLM "to promote or require weed-free hay, wash vehicles and equipment coming from other areas, and prohibit livestock and horse trailers from being cleaned on public lands". While "promoting" weed-free hay (again we assume you mean non-native, invasive species) sounds like a fine idea, requiring the use of "weed-free hay" is impossible to enforce. BLM would need a botanist to identify the "weeds" at every point of entry. While users (actually, as written, it would require BLM to do the cleaning) would be required to wash vehicles and equipment coming from other areas (a term not defined), it cannot be done on public lands. Will cleaning stations be installed so people can comply? Will BLM monitor these cleaning operations? Why are other users exempt? If they have travelled through areas containing these "weeds"; their clothing, boots, and vehicles also would transport the "weeds".	Y	
199	199-8	Clarification Request	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				On page 64, we whole-heartedly support the halt of motorized routes. We are unclear what the EIS means by "non-motorized routes", We assume it means pedestrian and equestrian trails.	Y	
199	199-9	Adopt Alternative A, B, C, D, or E	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				On page 65, we are encouraged by your definitions of the various modes of travel. In particular, the inclusion of bicycles is greatly appreciated. We have had a number of encounters with bicyclists riding at great speeds on the trails. The trails at times are quite narrow so the bicyclists have little opportunity to avoid the horses and mules. On the other hand, the horses and mules are generally "spooked" by the bicycles. This is likely to turn out very bad	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
200	200-1	Adopt Alternative C	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics	ACECs	Please adopt Alternative C, which proposes Wild & Scenic protection for all eligible streams, fully protects all Wilderness Study Areas and other lands with wilderness characteristics, and establishes more than 108,000 acres of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
200	200-2	Modify Alternative C	Livestock Grazing				Alternative C should be modified to not only close to grazing riparian corridors in the San Joaquin River Gorge, North Fork Kaweah River, South Fork Kern River, and other areas of ecological importance, but also remove grazing in all allotments where livestock grazing has violated range health standards.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.

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203	203-1	Other	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			On behalf of the high school student-athletes, coaches, families, and Board of Directors of the SoCal High School Cycling League I want to lend our support to the "Comments on Bakersfield BLM Resource Management Plan."	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
204	204-1	Develop a New Alternative	Minerals Mgt.	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			restrict well pads to 1200 feet squared or less. Please keep roads narrow and restrict speed for safety and reducing erosion and generation of dust.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
204	204-2	Develop a New Alternative	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Recreation and Visitor Services			Please do not allow Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) to make further use of BLM lands in the Bakersfield district.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
204	204-3	Modify Alternative C	Livestock Grazing				I support Alternative C which should be modified to reduce grazing.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
205	205-1	Adopt Alternative C	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics	ACECs	Please adopt Alternative C, which proposes Wild & Scenic protection for all eligible streams, fully protects all Wilderness Study Areas and other lands with wilderness characteristics, and establishes more than 108,000 acres of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
205	205-2	Modify Alternative C	Livestock Grazing				Alternative C should be modified to not only close to grazing riparian corridors in the San Joaquin River Gorge, North Fork Kaweah River, South Fork Kern River, and other areas of ecological importance, but also remove grazing in all allotments where livestock grazing has violated range health standards.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
206	206-1	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Aera recommends that all areas and trails located within the California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources ("DOGGR") Oilfield Boundaries ("Boundaries") be considered to be "Authorized Use" only. Attachments A, B, and C, which are attached, delineate these Boundaries.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
206	206-2	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				However, there are Trails located within in the Boundaries that have "Open", "Limited", or "Closed" designations. Aera does not support these designations for the following reasons: "Open" or "Limited" designations invite the public to access active intensely developed oilfields or areas that the DOGGR has determined have future oil and gas development opportunities. • Active oilfields could present safety risks including, but not limited to, exposure to high temperature piping and equipment. Also, many active oilfields have the potential to expose the public to hydrogen gas, natural gas and crude oil. • Without significant isolation via fencing, other private security measures, or additional federal law enforcement resources, it would be difficult or nearly impossible to enforce the designated "Open" or "Limited Use" trails and prevent public trespass into areas that may pose a potential threat to the untrained public. • Finally, inviting the public into trails within active oilfields also poses a risk to increase the already high rates of rural crime.	Y	
206	206-3	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Aera specifically opposes the use of T32S, R25, E Section 35 as an Off Highway Vehicle staging Aera. • Aera has active operations in Section 35. The use of Section 35 as a staging area will result in an undue concentration of public activity in this area and will exacerbate the concerns discussed in Comment 1 and has the strong likelihood of generating sufficient traffic to physically hinder Aera's daily operations	Y	
206	206-4	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				The language of the Draft RMP/EIS does not expressly address the potential impacts of the Alternatives contained in the Draft RMP/EIS on dominate mineral interests of an existing mineral rights holder holding a lease or owning minerals that do not currently have surface use restrictions. • Although the mineral lessee must have the right of reasonable surface occupancy, the issue of "reasonableness" tends to raise potential legal issues based on the increased costs and the potential that the minerals may become uneconomical to recover.	Y	
206	206-5	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Aera requests that, in addition to the "Authorized Use" designation within the Boundaries, the following areas also be designated "Authorized Use": 1. T29S-R21E Sec. 31 & 32 2. T29S-R22E Sec. 36 3. T31S-R23E Sec. 6 4. T31S-R22E Sec. 29 5. T11N-R24W Sec. 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 24 6. T11N-R23W Sec. 19 7. T28S-R20E Sec. 9 These areas contain leases held by Aera and present potential future mineral development opportunities. • Aera believes that the concerns discussed in Comments 1 and 2 above apply to these areas. • Given the length of time and the public comment process to change route or area designations, Aera feels it must submit this comment to preserve its rights.	Y	
206	206-6	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Aera believes that the plan does not adequately address the process that would need to be followed to change area designations or individual route designations or provide a process to expedite land use determinations in a timely manner. • Given the extensive projected level of the exploration activity that is proposed to occur in the Central Valley in the near future, the Draft RMP/EIS needs to contain flexibility and a defined process to change area or route designations depending on the results of the exploration activities and potential future development activities.	Y	

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207	207-2	Modify Alternative C	Livestock Grazing				Alternative C should be modified to not only close to grazing riparian corridors in the San Joaquin River Gorge, North Fork Kaweah River, South Fork Kern River, and other areas of ecological importance, but also remove grazing in all allotments where livestock grazing has violated range health standards.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
208	208-1	Modify Alternative B	ACECs				We oppose the restrictive designation of 4,894 acres of our private property, 160 acres of Snedden-leased private property, and three additional inholders' private properties as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), within the area referred to as the "Bitter Creek ACEC" (Vol. 3 1.1.3.) We believe that the document falls short of the NEPA requirement to take a "hard look" at the potential impacts management proposals would have on the human environment, as elaborated above. We again respectfully request that the Special management Area and the proposed ACEC boundary lines be removed from the	Y	
208	208-2	Modify Alternatives B, C, and D	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics				Boundaries and the inclusion of any and all Snedden-owned I Snedden-leased private property. Likewise, we ask for BLM's assurance that it will stand by its decision to reject the Wilderness Character Assessment (WCA) suitability of K.7.8.Public Proposal IV. We again request that any and all Wilderness Character Assessments I Inventories I and designations be permanently removed from any and all Snedden owned property and BLM land leased by Richard and Susan Snedden.	Y	
208	208-3	New Information	Social and Economic Resources				Social and Economic Considerations- We recommend several additions, corrections and revisions to this section. The Draft RMP-EIS fails to sufficiently document the broad public and economic benefits derived from livestock grazing and from on-site business owners and operators. We submitted comments (October 17,2007) during what we thought was the seeping phase where we addressed these issues, but will reiterate here and respectfully request that these be taken into consideration. Livestock grazing is key in mitigating the potential for wildfires that can cause harm to life, air and property. Experts have also recognized that herding animals play a beneficial role in brittle environment stability and productivity, such as the conditions found on the BLM land. Cattle hooves break up and loosen crusted soils and trample down old plant parts, thereby creating mulch and an ideal seed bed, allowing water to penetrate. Cattle also fertilize the soil through deposits of urine and manure. Cattle grazing encourages plant diversity when cattle graze down the taller aggressive plants, preventing them from shading out and overpowering more vulnerable plants. The Bitter Creek NWR is a prime example of how the removal of cattle grazing has led to the	Y	
208	208-4	New Information	Social and Economic Resources				establishment of a monoculture of plant life. A BLM biologist referred to it, fittingly, as "a weedy mess." We believe that the document does not adequately recognize the economic, cultural and community benefits that accrue to the BLM from the long-term specialized economies like the families in the cattle ranching business who, in spite of the mounting challenges associated with operating amongst the checker-boarded inholdings of the BLM, manage to produce beef, support the tax base and local economy, participate in the community life and contribute to the continuity and stability of the area.	Y	
208	208-5	New Information	Social and Economic Resources	Livestock Grazing			The document continues here to state that "this federal land is the least expensive grazing land available, hence use and access is coveted by area ranchers even though additional costs are usually incurred to use these lands." We would ask for clarification to be included here.	Y	
208	208-6	Develop a New Alternative	ACECs	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics	Livestock Grazing	Social and Economic Resources	We do not endorse any one Alternative in this document. We ask that BLM develop and choose an alternative that comes closest to respecting and addressing the concerns expressed here. Thank you for your serious consideration of these comments.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
209	209-1	Modify Alternative B	ACECs				We believe that the 2009 statewide average AUM price for private land of \$16.40 has no relevance to the productivity of BLM lands, particularly in western Kern County and ask that the comparison be removed or adjusted appropriately.	Y	
209	209-10	New Information	Biological Resources				the proposed Bitter Creek ACEC is a BLM overreach, unnecessary, misleading, and a government taking of Snedden private property. NOTE: The BLM lands are the minority in the proposed Bitter Creek ACEC, and the proposed ACEC directly affects our property and we are opposed to that designation. We ask that these comments be reviewed and considered and that the proposed Bitter Creek ACEC be withdrawn from the Plan.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
209	209-11	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Minerals Mgt.			Mountain lions kill condors -do we reduce mountain lion numbers? Or continue to treat condors as zoo animals?	Y	
209	209-12	Modify Alternative B	Livestock Grazing				The issue here is an ACEC is defined as an area within public lands; therefore, to include private land or even BLM subsurface that is already closed to subsurface mineral leasing (Maps 3.21, 3.22, 3.22) is government overreach and illegal.	Y	
209	209-13	Clarification Request	ACECs				Our cattle operation, which has been in the same area for more than one hundred years and our BLM permits met the Current Rangeland Health Assessment (p. F-52)for "all standards being met" should not be facing management requirements which make grazing ("multiple use") more difficult affecting ("sustainable yields") of agricultural output.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
209	209-14	New Information	Livestock Grazing	ACECs			Bitter Creek ACEC appears to be a plan without a purpose.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
209	209-2	Adopt Alternative A	Livestock Grazing	ACECs			A general recommendation in regard to multiple use functionality and not related to the Bitter Creek ACEC- oil field pipelines, when laid parallel, need to be separated by at least eight inches when they are elevated so that they don't become a foot trap for crossing livestock.	N	Agrees or disagrees with BLM policy or decisions without justification or supporting data,
209	209-3	New Information	ACECs				We support BLM's continued use of livestock grazing for good management of grassland, reduction of fire hazard, economic growth in America, and stability of local communities.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
209	209-4	Other	ACECs				BLM only owns 40 acres within and surrounded by the Bitter Creek NWR • The remaining property "would be managed to serve as conserved lands," -they are either adjacent to or not connected to the Bitter Creek NWR. The minority BLM surface property is interspersed with the Snedden property. BLM subsurface lands are scattered under the BCNWR as well as under private properties up to two miles away from the BCNWR within the proposed ACEC.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
209	209-5	New Information	ACECs				We are not interested in being a "partner" with an agency whose intent is to encumber our private property, and we were never approached about collaboration- we had to dig all of this up out of the three volumes (1200 + pages.)	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
209	209-6	New Information	Minerals Mgt.	ACECs			the proposed Bitter Creek ACEC encompasses the BCNWR and 4,894 acres of Snedden property and 920 acres of BLM property interspersed with Snedden property.	Y	
209	209-7	New Information	Biological Resources				The ACEC is larger than the BCNWR 'The area is within the Cuyama Basin which is considered to have high potential for the occurrence of oil and gas and thus needs special consideration" FACT: The BCNWR is on the very edge of the Cuyama Basin and page M-3 states "no significant new fields have been discovered in the Bakersfield FO Decision Area in the last twenty years." the vast majority would be on lands that are already leased." Current drilling expected to be as in the past- new exploration- RARE. (p.43) FACT: The BCNWR is currently closed to oil drilling. (p.287) Map 3.21also shows that the BCNWR is closed to oil and gas.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
209	209-8	New Information	ACECs	Lands and Realty			The condors also have routinely hung out at the Burger Barn in Cuyama and done damage to residences and cars in Pine Mountain Club-the federal designations are purely arbitrary	N	Agrees or disagrees with BLM policy or decisions without justification or supporting data,
209	209-8	New Information	ACECs				Map 1-47 proves the ACEC designation to be discriminatory- Forest Service is left out, Wind Wolves Preserve is left out, but Sneddens are looped in. To further the abuse, the map shows 120 acres of Snedden land as BCNWR land. There are also three other inholders in the proposed ACEC boundary who have been included but not given any prior notice.	N	

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209	209-9	New Information	Biological Resources				There are five times more condors than any other time in recorded history.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
210	210-1	Adopt Alternatives B or E	ACECs				We respectfully request that the BLM stand firm in the decision to withdraw the ACEC designation for the Chico Martinez ACEC that includes large tracts of our private property.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
210	210-2	New Information	ACECs				Another ACEC proposal that includes tracts of our private property is the Carrizo Plain Natural Area ACEC. We completely agree with your determination that this area "no longer meets the relevance and importance criteria for designation as an ACEC," however, we want to make clear that we believe that private property should not have been included in these areas in the first place.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
210	210-3	Adopt Alternatives B or E	ACECs	Minerals Mgt.			The ACEC designation is a negative restriction that impairs land value and hinders the conduct of private business. We also firmly believe that the BLM's ownership of subsurface rights does not give it planning authority over the surface use decisions of surface owners.	Y	
210	210-4	New Information	ACECs	Cultural Resources			In this planning document, the BLM is making "relevance value" determinations on private land. An example is the statement "The Chico Martinez area contains evidence of prehistoric and historic uses including temporary settlements, rock shelters, and early agricultural improvements. Some of the best examples of which are located on private property within the ACEC boundary." (Volume 3, Appendix 1-15) There are implications here that the BLM presumes some land planning authority over the private land. We recommend that statements of that nature be removed from the document.	Y	
210	210-5	Modify Alternative B	Biological Resources	Social and Economic Resources			We encourage the BLM administrators to make planning decisions that will maintain and reinforce its long time commitment to multiple uses of BLM land. This RMP proposal appears to move toward a single use, more restrictive...national park" concept, focusing on plants and wildlife. In this floundering business economy and with massive federal government indebtedness, the Bakersfield BLM cannot afford the "luxury" of managing an 18 million acre wildlife park.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
211	211-1	New Information	Recreation and Visitor Services				Obtain an easement following the trail from your Skyline Drive entrance gate to the BLM boundary near the ponds as shown on the sketch	N	Outside the scope of the RMP
211	211-2	New Information	Recreation and Visitor Services				2. The Salt Creek/Case Mountain BLM area is becoming very popular with mountain bikers from a wide area. Why not permit a mountain bike race once or twice a year as is done at Keyesville and Springville? I understand that BLM is seeking improved access and parking to serve this area via the Craig Ranch road. If successful, an annual or semi-annual mountain bike race would certainly be a compatible and popular use of the area. It would be a shame if your plan prohibits mountain bike competition	Y	
212	212-1	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				The Temblors contain resource values at least of equal or greater value than many areas within the Monument and deserve protection.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
212	212-2	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Recreation and Visitor Services			However, roads that lead to existing guzzlers (wildlife water developments) must remain open to facilitate routine maintenance of these facilities as well as to conduct wildlife surveys. There are two road segments that are proposed for closure that need to remain open and these are highlighted on the attached map (Attachment 1).	Y	
212	212-3	Modify Alternative B	Livestock Grazing	Recreation and Visitor Services			The grazing permittee should be required to install and maintain escape ramps in all troughs as detailed in the Best Management Practices listed in Appendix L.3.3 of this document.	Y	
212	212-4	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				I strongly oppose the designation of this area as a formal OHV use area. BLM has not made a serious attempt to control the OHV problem in the Temblors and rather than do so are now proposing the UIRMZ without any mention in the plan of how you intend to contain the OHV users within the UIRMZ.	Y	
212	212-5	Modify Alternative b	Recreation and Visitor Services				2) During the public meeting in Bakersfield on October 12, Peter DeWitt stated that hunting would still be permitted in the UIRMZ under Alternative B. However, in the Matrix and RMZ Management Framework listed in Appendix H, there is no mention of hunting as a targeted use for this area.	Y	
212	212-6	Modify Alternative b	Recreation and Visitor Services				Hunters should not be deprived of the opportunity to continue to hunt the habitat made available by these water developments that in many cases were built by hunters.	Y	
212	212-7	Modify Alternative b	Recreation and Visitor Services				If BLM chooses to curtail hunting in the UIRMZ the following impacts will occur and should be addressed in the plan: 1) Decreased hunter opportunity in the local area. 2) Increased concentration of hunting pressure in other portions of the Temblors and Carrizo Plain NM which will increase impacts on bird populations, potentially increase conflicts between public users in these other areas, and degrade the outdoor experience by the public utilizing these lands.	Y	
212	212-8	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				If the area is to be designated as an OHV use area and the public is encouraged to visit, then an adequate law enforcement presence must be provided from the beginning or the current level of resource damage will exponentially increase.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
213	213-2	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			Keyesville must be designated as the most continuously degraded OHV use area in all the Agency's Management Areas because of its size per OHV visitors and its unique character. Without an increase in law enforcement and other BLM supervision, all of the other agency's plans for Keyesville are moot. The fix: unmarked law enforcement vehicles. Routine use of BLM's OHVs for observations of misuse and abuse.	Y	
214	214-1	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Biological Resources		More law enforcement officers on the ground. Prosecute violators to the full extent of the law. Maybe more aggressive ticketing would send a message.	Y	
214	214-10	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Wildland Fire Ecology and Mgt.			Ban campers in the summer season. Until the public can act responsible with campfires, take away their campfire privileges. A campfire is a privilege, not a right.	Y	
214	214-11	Other	Recreation and Visitor Services				Better communication between BLM and Forest Service.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
214	214-12	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Biological Resources			Strict law enforcement and prosecution to the full extent of the law. Publish prosecutions in the local "Kern Valley Sun" newspaper to set example. Once the "old growth" trees are gone, they are gone forever. Forever changing the natural environment.	Y	
214	214-13	Clarification Request	Lands and Realty				Change the name of Pearl Harbor Dr. back to historically accurate name of Jackpot Road.	Y	
214	214-14	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Biological Resources		Cut down all non-native pine trees, remove a; non-natural objects and fix bad spots in fence. Treat this area as a "habitat restoration project". Put up "habitat restoration project" signs around the perimeter of the fence. Treat this area as an on going long-term project.	Y	
214	214-15	Modify Alternative B	Livestock Grazing	Biological Resources			Move all cattle to Black Gulch. That area is mmuch larger and has much more to offer the cattle. Keyesville area is too small to hand the impact that the cows are having on the ecosystem.	Y	
214	214-16	Other	Recreation and Visitor Services				My understanding is that the Forest Service receives the money from commercial rafting outfits and is responsible for keeping bathrooms clean. If the Forest Service doesn't want to do their job, tell them to give the money back and find someone else to do the job. This is a serious health concern.	Y	
214	214-17	Other	Visual Resources				Have The Lodge remove signs along Pearl Harbor/Jackpot Road. I undersand that The Lodge is private property by Pearl Harbor Dr./Jackpot Rd. is a public road.	N	Outside the scope of the RMP
214	214-18	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			Better on the ground management of special events. Law enforcement officers on all days of events. More pre-event planning with BLM, land owners and permit applicants. A physical walk through of event area all groups concerned.	Y	
214	214-19	Other	Visual Resources				Keyesville sign on Highway 155 is misspelled: put up new sign with correct spelling.	N	Outside the scope of the RMP
214	214-2	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			Have BLM law enforcement officers trained and equipped to test for noise regulations.	Y	

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214	214-20	Modify Alternative B	Cultural Resources				Walker Cabin should have a 24-hour caretaker. The cabin and barn should be restored. Historic mining building should be restored. Native american sites should be protected. A meeting with Tubatulabl tribe should take place before anything is done to these sacred sites.	Y	
214	214-21	Clarification Request	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			Table 3.15-4 Keyesville Area visitors per year. 218,153 visitors per year works out to be 18,179 visitors per month on average. I am not sure how the BLM arrived at this number, but it seems to me that these numbers are grossly exaggerated.	Y	
214	214-22	Clarification Request	Recreation and Visitor Services				Vol 1, Pg 302, last paragraph. The BLM seems to be encouraging the use of these routes by publishing a "Keyesville Management Area" brochure. The paragraph also states that OHV use is restricted south of Keyesville Road and little to no signing of routes exists. That is not true. there are numerous signed routes that are accessible south of Keyesville Road.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
214	214-23	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Biological Resources			Most small diameter wood material in the Keyesville Area has already been depleted by campers. It has already affected some species like the Sierra subspecies of the night lizard. Ten to fifteen years ago these tiny lizards were abundant, but loss of habitat (ie, rotting logs, pieces of bark, dead down wood) has severely affected this population of tiny lizards. Stop the gathering of firewood materials.	Y	
214	214-3	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			No sandrails allowed in "Keyesville" area.	Y	
214	214-4	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Public Safety and Health		Daily quota on heavy use weekends or weekdays when a "safe" number of users enter the area. A quota sign could be put up at the front entrance. If people ignore the quota sign, have law enforcement hand out tickets. The safety of the public is most important and the responsibility of the BLM.	Y	
214	214-5	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Biological Resources	Minerals Mgt.	Cultural Resources	Pull all existing mining claims along the entire length of Hogeeye Creek and do not issue anymore claims along Hogeeye Creek.	Y	
214	214-6	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Biological Resources			Sandy Hill should be day use only.	Y	
214	214-7	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Biological Resources			Put up bilingual information signs in riverside campsites. Prosecute all violators to the full extent of the law. The negative actions of a few are polluting and damaging the fragile river ecosystem.	Y	
214	214-8	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				To avoid squatters: signs with information about legal number of days and the fines in the laws are broken. Ticket all violators.	Y	
214	214-9	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Illegal dumping: More aggressive follow up and ticketing. Pull trash with personal information and heavy fines.	Y	
215	215-1	Modify Alternative b	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				RECOMENDATION: State in the RMP the absolute need to coordinate with the neighboring Carrizo Plain NM in order to maintain route connectivity and flow.	Y	
215	215-10	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMENDATION: Classify BLM RSN 2626 & 2630 as "Authorized" where "Authorized" would allow for continued day use and camping access with possible restrictions to be established during implementation.	Y	
215	215-2	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				RECOMMENDATION: It is of paramount importance to obtain permanent legal public access, with several access points to each RMZ being preferred.	Y	
215	215-3	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				RECOMMENDATION: Designate BLM routes in the Highway 33 corridor as Motorized per Action Alternative E until route specific analysis indicates the need to re-designate them and then only on an individual basis and with input from the public.	Y	
215	215-4	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				RECOMMENDATION: The BLM should seek jurisdiction of the Keyesville Road from BLM's east boarder (RSN 2498) to its western boarder (RSN 2499) from Kern County, and should convey that intention as in the RMP.	Y	
215	215-5	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				RECOMMENDATION: Remove all references to fees which have not been subject to implementation and activity level planning and the associated public comment, or FLREA analysis.	Y	
215	215-6	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				RECOMMENDATION: Change the RMP to reflect that user conflicts must be independently documented and that either or both sides of any use "conflict" could be negatively impacted by the preferred resolution.	Y	
215	215-7	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				RECOMMENDATION: Remove the inference or complete the statement by acknowledging some action alternatives would result in a significant reduction of route miles and thus recreational opportunity for most users.	Y	
215	215-8	New Information	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				RECOMMENDATION: The RMP should recognize all developed and maintained trails, regardless of designation, as being open to hiking or omit the passage/inference that suggests hiking opportunities are "few" in the Bakersfield Field Office.	Y	
215	215-9	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				RECOMMENDATION: It would be more in keeping with the BLM's intent to require public involvement and comment for any change effecting area/route designations except in case of emergency or as required by law.	Y	
216	216-1	Adopt Alternative B	ACECs	Biological Resources	Cultural Resources		In general our organization supports Alternative B for the Bakersfield RMP. We feel that it is important that the final RMP include as proposed in Alternative B: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atwell Island ERMS along with the Ancient Shoreline ACEC designation, which protects and preserves cultural resources.</li> <li>• Blue Ridge ACEC for protection of federally listed species, including roosting habitat for the California Condor.</li> <li>• Kaweah ACEC to protect geological, cultural and sensitive species. We support combining Case Mt. and the Kaweah ACEC for more efficient management and patrol. ACEC needs to provide adequate parking along both Yokohl Valley and Three Rivers access points.</li> <li>• Continue Wild and Scenic evaluation process for the North Fork of the Kaweah, which would also provide protection for cultural resources.</li> </ul>	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
216	216-2	Modify Alternative B	Backcountry Byways				We support the Back Country Byways (Alternative E and Map 2.15) continued designation of Canebrake and Long Valley Loop Road as the Chimney Creek Backcountry Byway and maintenance of the road as a Type II Byway. Furthermore, we would like to see the restoration of access along the road where it crosses private property.	Y	
216	216-3	Modify Alternative B	Cultural Resources				Where Alternative B is deficient in the protection of cultural resources from disturbance related to motorized access. Alternative C addresses this issue in a stronger manner, which we support.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
216	216-4	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services			We recommend that BLM partner with public agencies, as well as organizations, such as Friends of the River and SSAS, to provide the Kaweah ACEC with more oversight. We endorse interpretive and educational opportunities that allow visitors to explore their public lands.	N	Outside the scope of the RMP
217	217-1	Modify Alternative B	Biological Resources	Lands and Realty			As currently written, the DRMP fails to recognize this importance and leaves the BLM's Tehachapi parcels available for the development of utility scale wind energy and other commercial development projects, either through Right of Way leases or outright land acquisition by developers. We recommend that you remove the Tehachapi Parcels listed below from both the list of properties that are Available for Disposal and the list of properties that allow utility scale energy and other commercial development Rights of Way. Not only will BLM's management directives in the Tehachapis impact the health of natural resources there, it will also impact the property rights and livelihoods of surrounding private landowners. BLM lands in the Tehachapis are in-holdings surrounded by private property. Allowing these isolated parcels to develop into utility-scale wind projects or other types of development, either by making the land available for acquisition by deep-pocketed developers or by allowing right of way leases, would force major changes on surrounding private lands. Landowners may be forced to grant access to developers or be subjected to eminent domain acquisitions for power lines and roads. Risks of fire, trespassing, garbage dumping, theft and vandalism would increase. Development could lead to the "take" of sensitive species, pushing those species to then be listed. The listing of endemic salamanders, birds, or plants could severely constrain grazing operations that have been in existence for generations.	Y	

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217	217-2	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Biological Resources	Lands and Realty		In addition, we recommend that BLM formalize its collaboration with us and our partners in some manner, and actively participate in a multi-year Study Program in which additional biological and other pertinent data can be gathered on the resources of this little researched area. During this period we believe a temporary moratorium on development should be in place. At the end of this period, after ample inventory is completed and appropriate analyses, the BLM land management policy for these parcels can be more appropriately determined. If BLM truly intends to participate in regional conservation strategies in the Bakersfield Field Area, it should formalize its participation in regional conservation strategies and temporarily remove the Tehachapi Parcels from availability for disposal and renewable energy rights of way. Our earlier consideration of proposing an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) for these parcels intended to afford this opportunity.	N	Agrees or disagrees with BLM policy or decisions without justification or supporting data.
217	217-3	New Information	Biological Resources	Lands and Realty			The goal BLM sets in Section 2.2.2 of the draft RMP to protect essential habitat linkages should clearly be applied to the Tehachapi Parcels, which form an integral part of the Tehachapi Corridor. Losing these parcels to development would undermine the extensive investments made to protect the critical area and compromise the many ecological functions it serves.	Y	
217	217-4	Modify Alternatives B, C, D, and E	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics				LANDS WITH WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS: The intact, connected landscape that encompasses the Tehachapi Parcels exemplifies the wilderness characteristics that the DRMP claims to protect in Section 2.2.5.	Y	
217	217-5	New Information	Biological Resources				BIOTIC DIVERSITY: Prominent well respected authors Brewer, Grinnell and Twisselmann have extensively documented the high biodiversity of the Tehachapi Mountains. A unique conjunction of geography, geology, and climates, the largely un-fragmented Tehachapi region has over a thousand species of native California plants (Kern County has over 2,000), from five converging floristic provinces that meet their limits there: the Sierra Nevada, Mojave Desert, Southwestern California, Inner South Coast Ranges, and San Joaquin Valley. As a result, hundreds of plant species have range limits in the Tehachapis (over 400 species in Kern County), and the area hosts a high number of endemics (the Tehachapan Endemism Area was considered by Jepson to be one of the most significant in the state). The flora from the five provinces (plus a sprinkle of Great Basin species) sort out into over a dozen plant communities and habitats in the Tehachapis, including some that are highly specialized, and support indicator, keystone and species of conservation concern. Diversity of flora and habitats leads to diversity of land mammals, bats, birds, and herps.  Indeed, there are over 40 CNPS listed species in the Tehachapis, and more than 100 across Kern County.	Y	
217	217-6	Modify Alternative B	Biological Resources				BLM's goal to "contribute to maintaining biotic diversity" outlined in Section 2.2.2 should be applied to the Tehachapis with specific management directives that provide for the protection of these lands. This should include a more thorough biological and other inventory work before establishing a land management policy for these parcels which may foreclose the option of maintaining biotic diversity. It is only by preserving the integrity of the Tehachapi Parcels that this biodiversity and the linkages that sustain it will continue to exist. A further consideration, which is beyond the scope of the RMP, but nonetheless important, is the need for life cycle analyses of renewable energy projects in remote wild lands. The carbon savings touted by developers and lauded by politicians are gross figures and do not net out the very significant carbon footprint of leveling mountaintops, bulldozing native vegetation, and paving roads on previously pristine hillsides. Add to this the fuel required to transport turbines (often from China) so large that a semi is required to move a single blade, and it is unlikely that the carbon benefits of such projects are anywhere near those claimed by developers. This is not a question that has yet been answered, but it should be, particularly if these claimed benefits are being used to justify the permanent loss of valuable habitats, species and remote wild places.	Y	
217	217-7	Adopt Alternative B	Livestock Grazing				Alternative D of the RMP proposes to eliminate all grazing from the lands within the Bakersfield Field Office, a measure that we strongly oppose.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
217	217-8	Adopt Alternative C	Livestock Grazing				While not proposing to eliminate all grazing, Alternative C of the DRMP proposes to eliminate grazing in areas with known Tehachapi Slender Salamander populations. Healthy populations of salamanders continue to live in Caliente Creek drainage, as well as further south on the Tejon Ranch, where they have successfully co-existed with active grazing operations for over a century. This healthy coexistence demonstrates the fact that prohibiting grazing is not necessary to ensure their continued survival.	Y	
218	218	Other	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Water Resources			PG&E's Kerckhoff Project may be impacted by the RMP and DEIS. Consequently, PG&E requests its interests, and the interests of PG&E's customers, are considered prior to any final agency action.	Y	
219	219-1	Adopt Alternative A, B, or E	Cave and Karst Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services			I am writing about Millerton Cave and the resource management plan. I am concerned about the possible Class III designation, because I don't think it provides the best protection for the cave.	Y	
220	220-1	Adopt Alternative B	ACECs				we also strongly support the Preferred Alternative's new ACEC designations for Ancient Lakeshores, Compensation Lands, Cyrus Canyon, Erskine Creek, Granite Cave, Kaweah, Lokern-Buena Vista, and Los Osos.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
220	220-10	Adopt Alternative B	ACECs				The Draft RMP's Preferred Alternative recommends the designation of 6,351 acres of public lands and 2,584 acres of federal mineral estate as the Upper Cuyama Valley ACEC. We strongly support the designation of this area as an ACEC.	Y	
220	220-11	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Minerals Mgt.	Biological Resources		In addition to supporting ACEC designation for this area, we also strongly believe that this area should not remain open to fluid mineral leasing, as proposed in the Preferred Alternative. Oil and gas drilling currently does not exist in this area, and the introduction of intensive industrial resource extraction would be incompatible with the preservation of rare plants and animals in this area and would detract from the important and relevant values for which this ACEC was nominated. Importantly, the stipulations proposed for this area – CSU-Protected Species and CSU-Sensitive Species – are not adequate to protect the ACEC's values, since these stipulations can be excepted or modified at the BLM's discretion.	Y	
220	220-12	Adopt Alternative B	ACECs	Livestock Grazing			We support the other management prescriptions outlined in the RMP/EIS, particularly the exclusion of livestock grazing from "habitat containing California jewelflower or Kern primrose sphinx moth."	Y	
220	220-13	Modify Alternative B	Biological Resources	Livestock Grazing			We believe that this management prescription should be extended to cover all suitable habitat for California jewelflower and Kern primrose sphinx moth, not just habitat that currently "contains" these rare species. Therefore, we propose the following modification: "Identify as unavailable for livestock grazing all suitable habitat containing of California jewelflower or Kern primrose sphinx moth." Id.	Y	
220	220-14	Modify Alternative B	Biological Resources				In addition to livestock grazing, the RMP should contain special management prescriptions for other activities that could potentially harm these species, including road construction and maintenance, vehicle mortality on roads, and off- road vehicle use and trespass.	Y	
220	220-15	Modify Alternative B	ACECs				Finally, while we support the proposed ACEC, we strongly believe that its boundaries need to be extended to ensure the protection of the important and relevant values of the ACEC. Specifically, it should be extended south to include the federal mineral estate in T8N R24W Section 17, and should also be extended westward to include the BLM surface and subsurface at the base of Goode and Tennison canyons, adjacent to the Los Padres National Forest. These areas contain many of the same values as the lands within the proposed ACEC boundary, and it is appropriate to include them or provide an explanation as to why they were not included.	Y	

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220	220-16	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Cultural Resources			The Draft RMP/EIS's Preferred Alternative eliminates the Chico Martinez ACEC designation, subjecting this area of significant prehistoric and historic value, as well as habitat for federally endangered species, to reduced attention and protection. This area was originally recognized for its relevance and important values in the 1984 Coast Valley RMP, and again with amended boundaries and a new name in the current Caliente RMP from 1997. We strongly recommend that the BLM recognize the long history of this area as an ACEC by maintaining this area's designation as an ACEC. We strongly believe this area continues to meet all necessary criteria of relevance and importance warranting designation as an ACEC and that it will benefit from the special management attention which that designation grants.	Y	
220	220-17	Modify Alternative B	ACECs				We strongly disagree with the rejection in the RMP/EIS of two ACECs that were recommended by the public – the East Temblor ACEC and the Chimineas ACEC. These two areas clearly possess significant and important values and require special management considerations due to the vulnerability of these areas to a variety of threats... We disagree with the BLM's conclusion that the area "does not present more than locally significant assemblages of threatened and endangered species habitat."	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
220	220-18	Modify Alternative B	ACECs				Chimineas ACEC (San Luis Obispo County). We disagree with the BLM's conclusion that the area "does not present more than locally significant assemblages of threatened and endangered species habitat." We also disagree with the BLM's conclusion that this area "is not particularly vulnerable to adverse change as it is surrounded by CDF&G Ecological Reserve and USFS lands." The measures outlined in the EA to reduce some (but not all) of these impacts fall short of adequately protecting this area, leave these lands vulnerable, and sometimes cause their own additional impacts. Finally, the riparian areas will remain vulnerable due to incomplete mitigation measures, as acknowledged in the EA. Given these impacts, which the BLM itself has acknowledged, the area remains highly vulnerable to adverse change and is suffering from some of those very adverse impacts today. The fact that this area is surrounded by the Carrizo Plain Ecological Reserve (managed by the California Department of Fish & Game) and the Los Padres National Forest does not insulate this area from these ongoing vulnerabilities. We strongly believe that the Chimineas area warrants protection as an ACEC, for many of the same reasons that the lands surrounding it have been designated as an Ecological Reserve.	Y	
220	220-19	New Information	ACECs	Livestock Grazing	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Minerals Mgt.	It is also important to note that CDFG has managed the surrounding ecological reserve since 2002, and nearly a decade later, still has not completed a management plan for the reserve, even though such management plan is mandated by the CDFG's own regulations. Without such a comprehensive land management plan in place, it is difficult to fathom how these lands can be effectively managed. Of equal importance is the fact that livestock grazing occurs on the adjacent U.S. Forest Service lands without the benefit of any environmental analysis, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. Furthermore, the adjacent U.S. Forest Service lands are zoned as Backcountry Motorized Use Restricted, which allows for road construction, disposal of lands, "developed facilities," fuelbreak construction, livestock grazing, and mining, among other intensive uses which could leave the Chimineas ACEC vulnerable to encroachment.	Y	
220	220-2	Adopt Alternative C	ACECs				We also support Alternative C's recommended ACEC designations for the Irish Hills and the Rusty Peak ACECs.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
220	220-20	Modify Alternative B	ACECs				East Temblor ACEC (San Luis Obispo & Kern Counties). The Draft RMP/EIS also rejects further consideration of the East Temblor Range ACEC designation. This area clearly meets the relevance and importance criterion as defined in 43 CFR 1610.7-2 by containing a significant natural process or system holding more than local significance and special worth. We strongly recommend the designation of the East Temblor Range ACEC. Incorporating a new set of management objectives will provide the necessary protections for the significant and important values found in the area.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
220	220-21	New Information	ACECs	Biological Resources			East Temblor ACEC (San Luis Obispo & Kern Counties). A significant portion of the rare plant association known as the upper Sonoran sub-shrub scrub community occurs in the proposed area, meeting the BLM's relevance and importance criterion. Despite the BLM's contention in the RMP/EIS that this community "is located in several regions of southern California" (see RMP/EIS at Appendix I-52), this plant community is found only in the Temblor Range, the nearby San Emidio Range, and on a very limited basis in the Greenhorn Mountains. Additionally, a rare woodland community known as Tucker oak woodland extends from the Carrizo Plain National Monument down the east side of the Temblors through the proposed area. Also, the area is identified as a wildlife corridor in the San Joaquin Valley Recovery Plan, expanding its significance to the San Joaquin suite of species (especially as it connects directly to the Carrizo Plain National Monument.)	Y	
220	220-22	New Information	Biological Resources	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Recreation and Visitor Services		East Temblor ACEC (San Luis Obispo & Kern Counties). Currently, the area is contained within the Special Management Area known as the Temblor National Cooperative Land and Wildlife Management Area (NCLWMA), granting it certain protections but falling short of a set of management prescriptions that would best serve the rare species found in the area. The proposed ACEC continues to be threatened by an increase in off-highway vehicle use, and as one of the management objectives of the NCLWMA is to improve hunting access and designated vehicle routes, the area will remain vulnerable until better protections are put in place.	Y	
220	220-23	New Information	ACECs				We would like to request that the BLM include a more thorough analysis of these ACEC criteria in the final RMP/EIS, to fully comply with the BLM's guidelines on evaluating and designating ACECs. Detailed information regarding the BLM's ACEC designation process should be included in the Final RMP/EIS and is a vital element for those reviewing this document and seeking to comment on BLM's proposed management approach.	Y	
220	220-3	Adopt Alternative B	ACECs				The Draft RMP's Preferred Alternative recommends the designation of 2,027 acres of public lands and 2,947 acres of federal mineral estate in Ventura County as the Hopper Mountain ACEC. We strongly support the designation of this area as an ACEC.	Y	
220	220-4	New Information	ACECs	Biological Resources			Facts further supporting the designation of this area as an ACEC – but omitted from the RMP/EIS – is that it includes one of the last remaining intact stands of black walnut in southern California.1 Please add this information to the discussion of the Hopper Mountain ACEC in Chapter 3.16.2.7 of the RMP/EIS, and to Appendix I.3.11 (Area of Critical Environmental Concern Report, Hopper Mountain). In addition, we believe that this value – coupled with the area's habitat value for California condors – indicates the presence of natural processes or systems (i.e., "rare, endemic or relic plants, or plant communities"). Therefore, the "No" response listed in the Relevance Criteria Determination should be changed to "Yes" to indicate that these values are present in the area, further demonstrating the necessity of designating this area as an ACEC.	Y	
220	220-5	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Minerals Mgt.			The RMP/EIS identifies several management prescriptions for the Hopper Mountain ACEC, and we generally agree with all of them. However, we strongly believe that the area should be closed to further oil and gas leasing, given the importance of the area to California condors and the significant impacts that drilling operations have on this critically imperiled species.	Y	
220	220-6	Adopt Alternative B	ACECs				The Draft RMP's Preferred Alternative recommends the designation of 1,026 acres of public lands and 5,095 acres of federal mineral estate in Kern County as the Bitter Creek ACEC. We strongly support the designation of this area as an ACEC.	Y	
220	220-7	Modify Alternative B	ACECs				While we support the designation of this area as an ACEC, we believe that the boundary should be slightly enlarged to encompass other adjacent BLM lands. Specifically, the boundary should be adjusted westward to include the BLM surface and mineral estate in T9N R24W and T10N R24W, and northward to include the BLM surface and mineral estate in T11N R23W and T11N R24W.	Y	
220	220-8	New Information	ACECs				These areas are adjacent to the Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge, and should be included in the ACEC boundary for the very same reasons that apply to the proposed ACEC boundary in the Preferred Alternative. Expanding the boundaries would also ensure connectivity between the Bitter Creek ACEC and the proposed Upper Cuyama Valley ACEC. At a minimum, the RMP/EIS should contain an explanation as to why these areas were not included in the proposed ACEC boundary. BLM has violated its legal obligations to designate an ACEC of sufficient size and to include adequate management prescriptions that will protect the special values.	Y	

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220	220-9	Adopt Alternative B	ACECs	Minerals Mgt.	Biological Resources		We support the management prescriptions outlined in the RMP/EIS, particularly the closure of this area to fluid mineral leasing, given the importance of the area to California condors and the significant impacts that drilling operations have on this critically imperiled species.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
221	221-1	New Information	Biological Resources				In order to provide for the long-term needs of future generations and maintain the habitat value and wildlife resources of BLM lands, the Bakersfield Resource Management Plan must consider the role that BLM can play in maintaining habitat connectivity on a broad scale.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
221	221-2	New Information	Biological Resources				The Nature Conservancy and other groups and agencies... are currently working to protect the wildlife linkage from Sequoia National Forest to Las Padres and Angeles National Forests. This linkage has been described as having continental significance as it is the only viable land connection between the central and south coast regions and the rest of North America.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
221	221-3	New Information	Biological Resources				Due to the presence of large areas of contiguous intact natural habitats and its location at the convergence of numerous mountain ranges, the Central Valley and Mohave Desert, the area serves to connect much of the Stat's remaining natural lands. The need to maintain intact natural processes in these highly diverse regions is critical to ensuring species are provided the canvas on which to respond to increased human encroachment in the face of climate change.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
221	221-4	New Information	Biological Resources				In addition to federally endangered species listed in the report, the Kern Primrose Sphinx Moth (KPSM) and California condor are also present in the area.	Y	
221	221-5	Clarification Request	Biological Resources				Additionally in the face of climate change, the envelope for the suitable habitat may shift. If the habitat is unable to move in response to acquisition and conservation of the unprotected land utilized by the KPSM (see attached map).	Y	
221	221-6	Modify Alternatives B, C, D, and E	Biological Resources				At a minimum it is necessary to maintain BLM lands as open space free of structures that conflict with condor foraging and implement regulations that prevent this linkage in the future.	Y	
221	221-7	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Biological Resources			We hope BLM through this RMP will contribute to preservation of the Tehachapi Linkage. Specifically, BLM properties in the linkage area should be permanently conserved for habitat via designation as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern or other appropriate designation. Uses such as open space and grazing are generally compatible with wildlife movement. More intense uses such as mineral extraction and energy production are not compatible as they introduce intense human activities, vegetation removal and structures that fragment the habitat.	Y	
221	221-8	New Information	Biological Resources				BLM properties located in Township 29S, Range 33E and Township 27S, Range 32E (sections 13, 23, 24, 28, & 36) are of highest importance. Inappropriate activities on these lands would sever the recently protected minimum viable linkage mentioned above negating years of work and millions of dollars invested in land acquisition.	Y	
222	222-1	Develop a New Alternative	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Water Resources	NEPA Adequacy		The Study Is Fatally Flawed Because BLM Improperly Failed to Comply with Its Statutory Obligation to Cooperate with Affected State and Local Agencies, Including the Authority, in Preparing the Study.	Y	
222	222-2	Develop a New Alternative	Wild and Scenic Rivers				The Identified Segment of the San Joaquin River Does Not Meet the Criteria For Designation Under the National Wild & Scenic Rivers Act.	Y	
222	222-3	Develop a New Alternative	Wild and Scenic Rivers				The Identified Segment of the San Joaquin River Is Not Free-Flowing.	Y	
222	222-4	Develop a New Alternative	Wild and Scenic Rivers				The Identified Segment of the San Joaquin River Does Not Possess "Outstandingly Remarkable Values."	Y	
222	222-5	Develop a New Alternative	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Water Resources			The Identified Segment of the San Joaquin River Is Highly Developed For Hydroelectric Power Use.	Y	
222	222-6	Develop a New Alternative	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Water Resources			Even If the Identified Segment of the San Joaquin River Were Free-Flowing and Possessed Outstandingly Remarkable Values, the Previously Identified Need of this Segment for Additional Surface Water Storage and Flood Control Compels the Conclusion That It Should Not Be Included in the NWSRS.	Y	
222	222-7	Clarification Request	Wild and Scenic Rivers	NEPA Adequacy	Water Resources		RMP fails demonstrate that BLM gave appropriate consideration to this reasonably foreseeable use of resources when evaluating the suitability of Segment 1 for WRS designation.	Y	
223	223-2	New Information	Biological Resources				Surveys in 2011 for <i>Batrachoseps stebbinsi</i> in the vicinity of Indian Creek and Tollgate Canyon confirmed that habitat near the north-facing ridgelines on both sides of Indian Creek is suitable for <i>B. stebbinsi</i> . Some of this habitat has an over story of Canyon live oak ( <i>Quercus chrysolepis</i> ) similar to the north-facing slopes in Tollgate and Stevenson canyons. Animals were also found at a more arid and exposed site under rocks and in clumps of decomposing <i>Yucca</i> ( <i>Yucca whipplei</i> ) with an over story of Gray pine ( <i>Pinus sabiniana</i> ) and Juniper ( <i>Juniperus californica</i> ). This expanded view of the habitat requirements of <i>B. stebbinsi</i> means that much of the habitat along the north facing side of these ridges should be seriously considered as potential habitat.	Y	
223	223-3	New Information	Biological Resources	Lands and Realty			Installing wind turbines and their associated roads along the ridgelines of Indian Creek and Tollgate Canyon will impact <i>Batrachoseps stebbinsi</i> populations.	Y	
224	224-1	Adopt Alternative C	Wild and Scenic Rivers				We strongly support Alternative C. We are especially happy that you have proposed the San Joaquin River Gorge for inclusion in the national Wild & Scenic River system.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
224	224-2	Adopt Alternative C	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	ACECs		But we also appreciate and support that Alt. C recommends W&S designation for many other eligible streams in the resource area. In addition, that alternative gives protection to wilderness study areas and areas of critical environmental concern.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
224	224-3	Adopt Alternative C	Livestock Grazing				We ask that Alt. C be strengthened to close grazing allotments in all areas where range health standards have not been met.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
225	225-1	New Information	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Water Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services		There are several issues that make it harder for whitewater boaters to utilize this reach. The biggest obstacle is that it almost never has any flow above the mandated fish flow. When it does get occasional spring spill flows the flows are highly erratic and can vary as much as 5,000 cfs or more in the space of an hour. Flows can go from very high to very low unpredictably any time during a day. I think this is due to the Kerchoff powerhouse going on and off unpredictably, but also to some gate problems at the dam, where the gates overreact to changes in the reservoir level.	N	Outside the scope of the RMP
225	225-2	New Information	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Water Resources			Check the flows for Oct., Nov., & Dec for 2009, 2010&2011 at CDEC San Joaquin near Auberry. <a href="http://odec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/stationInfo?stationid=SJA">http://odec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/stationInfo?stationid=SJA</a> <a href="http://www.dreamflows.com/graphs/yir.263.php">http://www.dreamflows.com/graphs/yir.263.php</a>	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.

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226	226-1	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Alternative B could be substantially improved by adding elements from other alternatives, primarily Alternative E, as well as adding unclassified routes not on the inventory and several routes proposed "closed" in both Alternatives B and E. We are therefore directing our comments toward Alternative B with our suggested modifications.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
226	226-10	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				The BLM should therefore evaluate routes in these areas and implement route closures to mitigate safety concerns on a case by case basis	Y	
226	226-11	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Map 3.30 in the draft RMP-EIS indicates a relatively small area depicted in red as "heavily developed oil producing areas". These locations do not match the oil producing areas proposed for closure to public entry shown on the Alternative maps. On the basis of this map the reader might incorrectly conclude that only a few heavily developed oil producing areas are being proposed for closure to public entry. The draft RMP- EIS should clarify this distinction.	Y	
226	226-12	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Resolution: Where route density is the reason for closure of a route, please provide specific and detailed information supporting this decision	Y	
226	226-13	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				To summarize, the practice of limiting surface disturbance to 25% of each 640 acre of wildlife corridor area does not appear to be required by any of the officially adopted conservation plans for the Temblors, therefore this criterion should not be applied to route designations.	Y	
226	226-14	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Access to the Temblors should primarily address the needs of local residents who have used the area for recreational purposes for decades.	Y	
226	226-15	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				A legal right of way should be established for green sticker riders to the Temblor trail system from the cities of Maricopa and Taft.	Y	
226	226-16	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				An additional access point to the Temblors North should also be considered as this area is remote and has different qualities from the Urban Interface Zone.	Y	
226	226-17	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				The burden of negotiating this process should be weighed against the revenue that would be received to actually help fund management of the area.	Y	
226	226-18	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				We are submitting the following routes, many of which are unclassified and designated "closed", for designation as "motorized" based on their high recreational value and importance to the trail system. In addition we are submitting comments in support of many trails that have been designated "motorized" by the BLM. We appreciate the BLM's recognition of the importance these trails. Our comments are submitted by area.  The Coast Management Area  This area includes 20,400 acres of public land in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties. OHV recreational opportunity exists in these counties on US Forest Service Lands and at the Pismo Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area. Additional BLM areas should be considered for the Coast Management Area to expand available recreational opportunity.	Y	
226	226-19	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				San Luis Obispo County  Planning criteria state that "lifestyles and concerns of area residents will be recognized in the plan." We have identified at least one potential area in San Luis Obispo County that should be further evaluated to meet this criterion. A recent private acquisition of 200 acres adjacent to Highway 58 and Highway 229 could provide future access to the following routes (partial list); See figure 1 and Figure 2 for details.  Routes North of the Calf Canyon Truck Trail #792:  Routes #992, 993, 994, 996, 998, 1000, 1001,1002,1006,1007.  Routes South of the Calf Canyon Truck Trail (partial list):  1011, 1012, 1013,1014,1015,1018, 1019.	Y	
226	226-2	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Resolution: We request that the routes we have submitted be designated "motorized" unless sufficient evidence is documented and a thorough analysis demonstrates that the route contributes to a failure to achieve resource goals/objectives for which there is no reasonable or feasible mitigation.	Y	
226	226-20	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				The Valley Management Area  This area includes approximately 293,000 acres of the Southern San Joaquin Valley, most of it in the Temblor Mountains- Carrizo Plain- Caliente Range.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
226	226-21	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				We support the proposed SRMA designation of the Temblors North and Urban Interface RMZ as described in Alternatives B and E with modification for this purpose.	Y	
226	226-22	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Canyon routes must be carefully evaluated for impacts that cannot reasonably be mitigated or offset by the greater benefit they provide to the recreational user. These routes should be designated "motorized" if at all possible.	Y	
226	226-23	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				To assure that the system will be interesting to riders we favor selection of single track routes over two track routes whenever possible.	Y	
226	226-24	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Route Connectivity At present there are only 6 routes in Alternative B that allow access to the Ridge Road. This is inadequate to provide enough loop opportunities for a viable trail system in the Temblors. We anticipate that connectivity issues will be addressed as the CPNM goes through route designation. Routes in both the Temblors and the CPNM boundary area North East of the Ridge Road should ultimately be addressed in a single Travel Management document to reduce confusion and allow development of a coordinated regional travel plan.	Y	
226	226-25	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				These routes should remain open to provide loop opportunities to allow a trail system to function and avoid "dead end" routes that end at the CPNM boundary. These routes are:  5476 5499 5230 6469 6461 6465 6447 6372 6363 6353	Y	
226	226-26	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				It is CORVA's position that connectivity of the Long Valley Loop Road across private property should be restored if possible.	Y	
226	226-3	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Although the process for designating routes of travel is described in the RMP-EIS, the specific reasons for designating individual routes within limited use areas either "motorized" or "closed" are not included.	Y	

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226	226-4	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Furthermore there is an absence of information in the RMP-EIS indicating whether or not the routes proposed "closed" in Alternative B the BLM possess recreational qualities that potentially offset impacts to natural resources. The analysis is not sufficiently detailed to allow the reader to determine whether or not impacts to cultural and natural resources and potential user conflict could be reasonably mitigated.	Y	
226	226-5	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Based on the lack of evidence supporting route closure we contend that, at a minimum, the routes submitted in this letter be designated for "motorized" use.	Y	
226	226-6	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Resolution: We contend that the BLM should leave as many routes open through the RMP-EIS as possible. If necessary the BLM has the authority to close them to prevent resource damage and conflict of uses.	Y	
226	226-7	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				It is our contention that implementation level decisions set forth in the RMP-EIS such as route closures will have a significant impact on recreational users that will potentially take years to change. Because of this we contend that the RMP-EIS should be as inclusive of as many motorized routes as possible.	Y	
226	226-8	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Resolution: Evaluate routes within highly developed oil producing areas for health and safety considerations and develop a plan that justifies closing them on a case by case basis.	Y	
226	226-9	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Detailed information regarding the specific location and nature of such hazards is not available in the document.	Y	
227	227-1	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Charging of Fees should be determined during site specific implementation, not general RMP	Y	
227	227-10	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: We urge the BLM to help connect the existing Keyesville Classic single track by including a reroute section in the area. Volunteers from Stewards of the Sequoia, SSFTA, CORBA and SOCALMTB would be happy to assist in any way possible. Below is a concept developed by CORBA for the route shown in pink (kmz file attached). CORBA would be willing to develop the concept further for the BLM.	Y	
227	227-11	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: The RMP preferred Alternative B should be modified to keep the following trails open which allow better connectivity and trail flow for mountain bike and trail bikes single track trail system. Many of these routes are part of the event routes for the Keyesville Classic or SOCALMTB event. These routes reduce conflicts and promote safety by keeping OHV's off Keyesville road mixing with street vehicles, as well as reducing conflict of single trackers with 4x4 use on the dirt roads 2479 and 2477.	Y	
227	227-12	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Keyesville Trails that need to be kept open: 2481- This is part of the historic Keyesville Classic	Y	
227	227-13	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Keyesville Trails that need to be kept open: 2. 2483- This might be better suited for single track instead of 2481 above. Trail 2483 could be connected directly into 2471 at one end and also to 2482 at the other end. Then close the section of 2482 that continues to 2479	Y	
227	227-14	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Keyesville Trails that need to be kept open: 3. 2471- To connect with 2483 noted above	Y	
227	227-15	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Keyesville Trails that need to be kept open: 4. 2453- This is part of the historic Keyesville Classic trail as shown on the current map	Y	
227	227-16	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Keyesville Trails that need to be kept open: The Keyesville Classic uses an existing route (Old Flume Trail) to connect from 2481 over to 2444 (shown below). This route needs to be added to Alt B. (kmz file attached)	Y	
227	227-17	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				The SOCALMTB High School event Cruise the Keys uses a course shown in the attached kmz file. There are two sections (shown below) that are proposed to be closed in the current Alt B. This section should be kept open to allow the course to continue to be used, provide better connectivity and flow to the trail system.	Y	
227	227-18	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				The BLM should keep all sections open included in the Keyesville Classic and SOCALMTB routes	Y	
227	227-19	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: The RMP preferred Alternative B should be modified to close trail 2490 which provides no valid use, but just breaks up the system. It is an unimportant connector which encourages full size vehicles on single track shown in below map shot with Red Arrow	Y	
227	227-2	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: Remove all references to fees which have not been subject to implementation level planning and the associated public comment, or FLREA analysis.	Y	
227	227-20	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: We urge the BLM to include two single track downhill segments shown in the concept below (kmz file attached). This would improve the downhill opportunity over the existing trails while eliminating the access issues and enhancing the area for events as well as every day use.	Y	
227	227-21	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Single Track trails should not be converted into roads or ATV trails	Y	
227	227-22	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: We would like to see existing single track trails designated as such in the RMP and signed for motorcycle or mountain bike only, not ATV's or 4x4's. We support ATV and 4x4 routes, but want to ensure the existing world class single track system is preserved. Failing that we would urge the BLM to designate the single track trail in the implementation stage both inside and outside the Special Recreation Areas (SRA's)	Y	
227	227-23	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				BLM should encourage the public to share trails	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
227	227-24	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: Change the RMP to reflect that user conflicts must be independently documented and that both sides of any use "conflict" could be negatively impacted by the preferred resolution.	Y	
227	227-25	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				We urge the BLM to consider other options before closing any trail to any user group and thereby create an incentive to share.	Y	
227	227-26	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: The BLM should provide smaller scale maps for each ACEC. As an example Piute ACEC Map page I-94 shown below	Y	
227	227-27	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				It should be noted that this WSA along with many others within the planning area were studied by BLM land managers and specialists and determined to lack wilderness qualities and therefore were recommended for release from WSA status over 22 years ago.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
227	227-28	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: The BLM should not include Badrock Ridge in any closure regarding the BLM impairment standard since it cannot impair a quality the area does not possess.	Y	
227	227-29	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: The BLM should include the mileage of trails such as Badrock Ridge in their analysis.	Y	
227	227-3	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Continue to allow Camping at Sandy Flat	Y	
227	227-30	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: The BLM RMP should leave the Piute Cypress ACEC open to motorized, mechanized and equestrian trail use such as the Badrock Ridge trail. The area should not be dedicated to exclusive foot only travel as it is extremely poorly suited to foot travel. The ACEC should not be expanded as the Piute Cypress is already protected in the existing ACEC.	Y	
227	227-31	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: Remove the inference or complete the statement by acknowledging some action alternatives would result in a significant reduction of route miles and thus opportunity for many users.	Y	
227	227-32	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				The ACEC should not be expanded as the Piute Cypress is already protected in the existing ACEC.	Y	
227	227-33	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Important Weldon trails need to be kept open	Y	

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227	227-34	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: The RMP preferred Alternative B should be modified to keep the following trails open which allow non street legal OHV's to connect between the two communities. These routes reduce conflicts and promote safety by keeping OHV's off surface streets adjacent to homes. 1. 3176- 2. 3192- 3. 3185- 4. 3162- 5. Route shown below with Red Arrow	Y	
227	227-35	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: The RMP should recognize all developed and maintained trails, regardless of designation, as being open to hiking or omit the passage/inference that suggests hiking opportunities are "few" in the Bakersfield Field Office.	Y	
227	227-36	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: Ensure the existing trails remain open in order to provide routes for the public to enjoy recreation and access to their public lands.	Y	
227	227-37	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Existing trails sections shown as closed-Need to be kept open	Y	
227	227-38	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: The RMP preferred Alternative B map should be modified to keep the existing section of trail 2425 as open per the following map shot.	Y	
227	227-39	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Require Public involvement in any additions of limitations	Y	
227	227-4	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: Classify BLM RSNs 2626 & 2630 as "Authorized" where "Authorized" would allow for continued day use and camping access with possible restrictions to be established at implementation with full public involvement.	Y	
227	227-40	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: It would be more in keeping with the BLM's intent to require public involvement and comment for any change effecting area/route designations except in case of emergency or as required by law.	Y	
227	227-41	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Missed Section of Road above Squirrel Valley. The below shows a section of existing road that needs to be included in Alternative B	Y	
227	227-42	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Keep Canebrake and Long Valley Loop Roads Open	Y	
227	227-43	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: We urge the BLM to allow continued access on the existing Cyrus Canyon Routes shown below. This trail system would take advantage of the existing public parking and restroom facilities at the Forest Service Cyrus Canyon OHV park	Y	
227	227-5	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				RECOMMENDATION: The BLM should seek jurisdiction of the Keyesville Road from BLM's east boarder (RSN 2498) to its western boarder (RSN 2499) from Kern County.	Y	
227	227-6	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			RECOMMENDATION: Include the Keyesville Classic single track reroute to Fence Line trails in the plan as open to trail bike, mountain bike, equestrian and hiker for single track use (See GPS track provided)	Y	
227	227-7	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			RECOMMENDATION: We encourage the BLM to prioritize the acquisition or legal easement for these routes. We urge the BLM to work with SSFTA and the Keyesville Classic event organizers in order to find alternate routes to keep these routes open from Keyesville Road.	Y	
227	227-8	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				RECOMMENDATION: Include the Vista De Lago trail as open to trail bike, mountain bike, equestrian and hiker for single track use. (See GPS track provided). We urge the BLM to work with the Forest Service to provide connectivity and increase the value of the route. If that is not possible then the route should be run from its eastern most point up to Second Street, as the terrain is well suited.	Y	
227	227-9	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				Now that the Pearl Harbor Memorial has been relocated we urge the BLM to consider the rerouting of the Keyesville Classic trail per the below concept for a more continuous single track experience.	Y	
228	228-1	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				We have identified at least one potential area in San Luis Obispo County that could serve as an off road recreational area. We understand that at one time this was under consideration as on OHV area by the BLM. A recent private acquisition of 200 acres adjacent to Highway 58 and Highway 229 could provide future public access to area. The following routes in this area are identified on the BLM Google Earth files: Calf Canyon Truck Trail #792: Routes #992, 993, 994, 996, 998, 1000, 1001,1002,1006,1007. Routes #1011, 1012, 1013,1014,1015,1018, 1019.	Y	
228	228-2	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				We request that above routes in this area be designated "motorized" by the BLM to allow possible development of a future route designation plan in coordination with the County.	Y	
228	228-3	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				We agree that the following routes should allow "motorized" use in the adjacent areas of BLM land: 1773, 1776,1777,1779,1782 and 1768, 1768, 1769, 1771, 1787, 1788, 1789, 1790, 1792.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
228	228-4	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				We request designation of more routes that require advanced riding skill	Y	
228	228-5	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				We state that single track trails must be carefully evaluated for impacts that cannot be mitigated by available methods. The RMP-EIS does not provide much detailed information that explains why these routes are not designated for motorized use in any of the action alternatives.	Y	
228	228-6	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				We remain concerned about the possibility of reduced access to the Temblor Ridge Road that runs parallel to Elkhorn Road. These roads are extremely primitive and contribute to the rural character of the area. Use of the travel network in this area should continue with a few restrictions such as no cross country travel.	Y	
228	228-7	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				We note that there are few if any routes in Alternative B that allow access to the Ridge Road. This needs to be addressed to facilitate transportation around this area.	Y	
229	229-1	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			I am very passionate about keeping the Temblor trails open to be enjoyed by me whether riding motorcycles, hunting, biking or hiking. I would also like to state that for the RECORD, after reviewing all the Alternative RMP's, I do not believe the BLM has created an Alternative RMP that fully encompasses all the trails currently available for use, and that there is a huge amount of trails that have not been incorporated under any of the Alternative RMP's	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
229	229-10	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Below is the list of trails that I would like the BLM to re-evaluate: 6267, 6340, 6369, 6370, 6405, 6406 - Good Trail(s).	Y	
229	229-11	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Below is the list of trails that I would like the BLM to re-evaluate: 6323 - This is the lower have of Richard Skinner but the upper half is missing. This is a very good trail	Y	
229	229-12	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Below is the list of trails that I would like the BLM to re-evaluate: 6353 - This trail is a trail that is rode a lot.	Y	
229	229-13	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Below is the list of trails that I would like the BLM to re-evaluate: 6354 - Not sure if this trail is green or red?	Y	
229	229-14	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Below is the list of trails that I would like the BLM to re-evaluate: No Number Available - Trail 6323 is in between Richard Skinner and Bob Sled trails. 6145 is near Richard Skinner. This trail has been used for over 30 years.	Y	

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229	229-15	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Below is the list of trails that I would like the BLM to re-evaluate: No Number Available - Trail 6323 is in between Richard Skinner and Bob Sled trails. 6145 is near Richard Skinner. This trail has been used for over 30 years. Trail 6323 is in between Richard Skinner and Bob Sled trails. Bob Sled is near 6150 and 6183, and has a very long history. This trail has been for over 30 years.	Y	
229	229-16	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Below is the list of trails that I would like the BLM to re-evaluate: No Number Available - There is a trail between 6193 and 6199 trails that has not been marked.	Y	
229	229-2	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			I and my Honolulu Hills Raceway partner and friend Darrell Melton came to the BLM six years ago to discuss and help set-up a trail system due to our concerns with the influx of motorcycle riders riding the temblor trails when their local riding areas were closed in the Bakersfield area. We were very concerned that these riders would come over and over ride the Taft Temblor area. To help out we had a fellow rider that recently passed away from cancer who spent his last couple of years marking the Temblor trails with a GPS. This was a large undertaking for him and others and this work was turned into the BLM but a while back we have found out that the maps and records of the trail marking have being lost within the agency. Many of us feel (including myself), that the BLM lacks personnel with the expertise to mark or identify all the trails properly, and that help should come from the users of the trails to correctly inventory all the trails being used.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
229	229-3	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Below is the list of trails that I would like the BLM to re-evaluate: 1299 - Trail not marked that we ride.	Y	
229	229-4	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Below is the list of trails that I would like the BLM to re-evaluate: 1311 - This is not a trail.	Y	
229	229-5	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Below is the list of trails that I would like the BLM to re-evaluate: 1325 - This is not a trail, but there is a trail right beside it that is not numbered.	Y	
229	229-6	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Below is the list of trails that I would like the BLM to re-evaluate: 1325 - This is not a trail--does not need to be marked unless it is hunting trail.	Y	
229	229-7	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Below is the list of trails that I would like the BLM to re-evaluate: 3619, 3621, 3652, 3654, 3655, 3656, 3657, 3658, 3659, 3660, 3661, 3662, 3663, 3664, 3665, 3666, 3667, 3668, 3669, 3670, 3671, 3672, 3673, 3674, 3675, 3848, 3849, 3903, 3904, 3905, 3906, 3907, 3908, 3909, 3910, 3911, 3947, 3948, 3949, 3950, 3951, 3953, 3954, 3955, 3956, 3957, 3958, 3959, 3960, 3961, 3962, 3963, 3964, 3965, 3966, 3987, 4154, 4208, 5230, 5244, 5252, 5270, 5334, 5363, 5365, 5366, 5371, 5375, 5469, 5476, 5477, 5491, 5498, 5499, 5502, 6130, 6131, 6151, 6181, 6190, 6193, 6194, 6195, 6196, 6202, 6205, 6223, 6229, 6244, 6263, 6267, 6276, 6279, 6288, 6289, 6290, 6291, 6296, 6297, 6298, 6299, 6303, 6308, 6316, 6317, 6319, 6323, 6324, 6326, 6340, 6345, 6353, 6355, 6356, 6359, 6363, 6368, 6372, 6375, 6390, 6393, 6394, 6395, 6396, 6403, 6404, 6405, 6406, 6413, 6418, 6430, 6432, 6433, 6443, 6447, 6449, 6450, 6458, 6461, 6465, 6466, 6467, 6469, 6470, 6474, 6475, 6476, 6477 - Closed Trails that should be open.	Y	
229	229-8	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Below is the list of trails that I would like the BLM to re-evaluate: 4203 - This is not a trail.	Y	
229	229-9	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Below is the list of trails that I would like the BLM to re-evaluate: 6244 - This is not a trail that I have road, but I would like to keep it.	Y	
230	230-1	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			The BLM in other areas of the western states have enacted very successful plans that include both multi-use trails and user-specific purpose-built trails, such as one-way mountain bike trails. One excellent example that we would want to emulate are the changes made on BLM land at Hartman Rocks in Gunnison, Colorado, which includes several multi-use and purpose-built trails that have replaced the 'free-for-all' OHV use. Now users of all types are able to use the land in a sustainable conflict-free manner	Y	
230	230-2	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			Keyesville Classic Trail 1. Officially designate the newest sections of Keyesville Classic Trail. The 2011 Keyesville Classic Mountain Bike Race included 2 new return-route sections to avoid riding on Pearl Harbor Drive. These trails, which followed a contouring cow trail and an old flume trail, have become excellent high quality additions to the trail. These trails alone were a highlight of the cross country race, and mountain bikers continue to ride them as part of the return loop of the Keyesville Classic. 2. Unify the return trail of the Keyesville Classic singletrack, by creating a connector through the older Pearl Harbor Memorial area. This would allow a continuous singletrack route from Kern Canyon Trail, and allow mountain bikers to avoid Pearl Harbor Drive. The support for this trail from other mountain biking groups throughout Southern California is huge. KRMB, CORBA, and SSFTA have all offered to help with design, construction, and maintenance associated with this singletrack. 3. Keeping the singletrack character of the trails should be an important goal. Narrow singletrack trails are the highest priority for mountain bikers. Proper signage and barricades, such as boulders, could help keep ATV's and 4-wheelers off of 2-wheeled singletrack trails. A continuous return trail with few intersections, as described above, should help this issue as well. Below is a Google Earth image of the existing and proposed Keyesville Classic return trail	Y	
230	230-3	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			One-Way Non-Motorized Downhill Mountain Bike Trail in Keyesville We propose a one-way downhill trail in Keyesville, similar in character to trails in Hartman Rocks BLM Recreation Area and new BLM trails in Croy Canyon near Ketchum, Idaho. The trail should be designed as a sustainable and "purpose-built" trail for intermediate through expert mountain bike riders. It should incorporate the natural terrain features for both "flow" and technical skills. A one-way trail makes it safer and a mountain bike only designation would enhance the user experience with mountain bike specific trail features. This trail could be used as an alternative Keyesville Classic Downhill Course and part of the Super D Race Course. (Super D is an endurance downhill race, which has become one of the most popular races in biking). Below is an image of the general proposed route in two sections. The lower section of the proposed trail entirely follows existing cow and avoids the motorized dirt roads. The top section of the proposed trail starts one ridge over from Tombstone Ridge and is entirely off of private property.	Y	
230	230-4	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.		Cyrus Canyon Trail For many years, there has been an access trail ascending Cyrus Canyon, which has seen hiker and mountain biker use. Since the land is now under BLM management, we propose that this trail be included in the Resource Management Plan as a non-motorized multi-use trail. to help with any trail maintenance or re-routes if the trail is approved by the BLM. The trail has been blocked off by a fence at the dirt road. We ask that an access through this fence is provided for non-motorized users. Below is an image of the trail in 2 parts. The lower Western section is a trail that follows an old road, while the upper section is a narrower use-trail that contours above the drainage.	Y	

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230	230-5	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			Badrock Ridge Trail Another trail of importance to mountain bikers is Badrock Ridge Trail, which descends from USFS land to Erskine Creek Road in Lake Isabella. We strongly urge the BLM to keep this trail open and to include it as a multi-use trail in the Resource Management Plan. With its unsurpassed views and variety of terrain, it has the potential to be the most popular shuttled bike rides in the state of California.	Y	
231	231-1	Adopt Alternative A, B, or E	Cave and Karst Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services			I urge you to use education, and education alone, to protect the cave and those who use it. Although I would discourage promoting the cave to the general public. The cave appears to be able to sustain the current level of useage without significant iompart. This is not something that needs change.	Y	
232	232-1	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Their potential plans restricting the usage of the local mountain ranges will undoubtedly have a negative impact on its residents and local businesses. The locals that traverse the lands for off-road fun, hunting, and occasional sightseeing will experience an increased level of discontent if restriction plans are implemented. In addition, the land receives numerous visitors at a continual rate throughout the year that infuse Taft's local economy through avenues such as hotels, restaurants, convenience stores, and grocery stores. The reduction in legally accessible recreational trails will unmistakably reduce this influx.	Y	
233	233-1	Adopt Alternative B, C, or D	Wild and Scenic Rivers				I am writing in support of a Wild and Scenic status for the San Joaquin River" Horseshue Bend" section or any adjacent cooridors.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
234	234-1	Adopt Alternative A, B, or E	Cave and Karst Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services			Most real cavers would agree that Millerton Cave should be left to open access as are trails for hikers, bikers and equestrians.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
235	235-1	Adopt Alternative B	Wild and Scenic Rivers				The Tehipite Chapter supports the proposed Wild and Scenic designation for the San Joaquin River	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
235	235-2	Adopt Alternative C or D	Wild and Scenic Rivers				we would also be in favor of Wild and Scenic designation for the other seven river segments included in Alternative C	N	Comments in favor or aganist the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
235	235-3	Adopt Alternative B or E	National Trails	Recreation and Visitor Services			We would like to support designation of the San Joaquin River Trail as a National Recreation Trail, as proposed in Alternative B .	N	Comments in favor or aganist the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
235	235-4	Adopt Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Recreation and Visitor Services			We encourage the BLM's continuing effort to extend the trail to connect eventually with the Pacific Crest Trail.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
235	235-5	Adopt Alternative B or E	Cave and Karst Resources				Tehipite Chapter supports designation of Millerton Cave as Significant. We are also in favor of Class 1 designation, as proposed in Alternative B	N	Comments in favor or aganist the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
235	235-6	Adopt Alternative A, B, or E	Cave and Karst Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services			We are opposed to designation as Class III, as proposed in Alternative C, because we believe that closure of the cave would effect a lesser degree of protection for the cave	Y	
236	236-1	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				PXP recommends all roads located on PXP's federal leases be designated at "Authorized Use" only to allow access for exploration and production operations. Most of the roads on PXP's federal leases appear to be classified as "Authorized Use" only. To assure all roads on PXP federal leases are designated as "Authorized Use" only, Appendix A Table-1 lists all of PXP federal leases in the San Joaquin Valley which we are requesting this road classification PXP recommends all roads located on PXP's federal leases be designated at "Authorized Use" only to allow access for exploration and production operations. Most of the roads on PXP's federal leases appear to be classified as "Authorized Use" only. To assure all roads on PXP federal leases are designated as "Authorized Use" only, Appendix A Table-1 lists all of PXP federal leases in the San Joaquin Valley which we are requesting this road classification	Y	
236	236-2	Modify Alternatives C, D, & E	ACECs	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			PXP has properties within the Lokern-Buena Vista Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and adjacent to proposed Compensation Land ACEC, which may be only accessible from roads on federal lands classified as "Closed Roads". Closing roads within ACEC areas could restrict access to PXP properties in the ACEC. Appendix A Table-2 lists the properties in or adjacent to the ACEC. PXP request roads that are the only connection to PXP properties be classified as "Authorized Use" to allow access to our properties.	Y	
236	236-3	Modify Alternative B	Other				Appendix L, Section L.3.3, bullet item 7: states "Exploration, construction, and development activities may have seasonal restrictions imposed within a half-mile radius around raptor nest sites." This statement does not distinguish between an occupied, and an un-occupied nest. Recommend the bullet be changed to the following: "Exploration, construction, and development activities may have seasonal restrictions imposed within a half-mile radius around an occupied raptor nest sites."	Y	
236	236-4	Modify Alternative B	Other				Appendix L, Section L.3.3, bullet item 10: states "Pipe ends three inches or greater will be covered." Covering pipes are not always feasible. Recommend the bullet be changed to the following: "Pipe ends three inches or greater will be covered whenever possible. Open-ended pipes must be inspection prior to moving or welding to prevent injury to wildlife."	Y	
236	236-5	Modify Alternative B	Other				Appendix L, Section L.3.3, bullet 14: states "Avoid soil-disturbing activities during periods of runoff or when soils are wet and muddy, in order to minimize damage. In emergency situations, this is not always feasible. Recommend the bullet be changed to the following: "To the Arreatest extent possible, avoid soil-disturbing activities during periods of run-off or when soils are wet and muddy, in order to minimize damage."	Y	
236	236-6	Modify Alternative B	Other				Appendix L, Section 3.5, bullet 6: states "All oil spills will be contained closest to the source as possible. The USFWS will be notified within 48 hours of any oil spill." Need to clarify notification requirement is for reportable spills, and clarify who will notify USFWS. Recommend the bullet be changed to the following: "All oil spills will be contained closest to the source as possible. The USFWS will be notified by BLM staff within 48 hours of any reportable oil spill in habitat."		
237	237-1	Adopt Alternative B, C, or D	Wild and Scenic Rivers				I am writing to support the Wild and Scenic designation on the "Patterson Bend" section of the San Joaquin River in California.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
238	238-1	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				After reviewing all the Alternative plans including A, B, C, D, and E, we feel that none of the plans properly address all the trails that riders within our club utilize. In fact, there are many trails that are not listed in the plan, which as a group, feel need to be cataloged and properly addressed. It is our position that the current Alternative plans being reviewed need to be re-addressed and/or evaluated to create a plan that fully represents all the trails that are used by our riders. We understand that Alterative B is the BLM's preferred alternative plan, but we find that the majority of the trails that are to be left open are hunting, ranch and utility roads, and do not include the type of trails that our members utilize.	Y	

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238	238-10	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Attached please are the trails that we would like to be re-evaluated and reviewed. 6267, 6340, 6369, 6370, 6405, 6406 - Good Trail(s).	Y	
238	238-11	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Attached please are the trails that we would like to be re-evaluated and reviewed. 6323 - This is the lower have of Richard Skinner but the upper half is missing. This is a very good trail	Y	
238	238-12	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Attached please are the trails that we would like to be re-evaluated and reviewed. 6353 - This trail is a trail that is rode a lot.	Y	
238	238-13	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Attached please are the trails that we would like to be re-evaluated and reviewed. 6354 - Not sure if this trail is green or red?	Y	
238	238-14	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Attached please are the trails that we would like to be re-evaluated and reviewed. No Number Available - Trail 6323 is in between Richard Skinner and Bob Sled trails. 6145 is near Richard Skinner. This trail has been used for over 30 years.	Y	
238	238-15	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Attached please are the trails that we would like to be re-evaluated and reviewed. No Number Available - Trail 6323 is in between Richard Skinner and Bob Sled trails. 6145 is near Richard Skinner. This trail has been used for over 30 years. Trail 6323 is in between Richard Skinner and Bob Sled trails. Bob Sled is near 6150 and 6183, and has a very long history. This trail has been for over 30 years.	Y	
238	238-16	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Attached please are the trails that we would like to be re-evaluated and reviewed. No Number Available - There is a trail between 6193 and 6199 trails that has not been marked.	Y	
238	238-2	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				We found that it was very difficult to effectively identify each trails from the maps that where distributed within the books made available to us, and that the online Google Earth files made it difficult to create a list which could be addressed in a letter format. We would have like to seen a digital spreadsheet made available along with the Google Earth files that would have allowed us as a group to address the trails noted in each Alternative plan. Also, because there was so many trails that were not listed in any of the Alternative plans, we as a group feel that it would have been a benefit to both the BLM and our group to have been able to help with identifying the trails.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
238	238-3	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Attached please are the trails that we would like to be re-evaluated and reviewed. 1299 - Trail not marked that we ride.	Y	
238	238-4	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Attached please are the trails that we would like to be re-evaluated and reviewed - 1311 - This is not a trail.	Y	
238	238-5	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Attached please are the trails that we would like to be re-evaluated and reviewed. 1325 - This is not a trail, but there is a trail right beside it that is not numbered.	Y	
238	238-6	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Attached please are the trails that we would like to be re-evaluated and reviewed. 1325 - This is not a trail--does not need to be marked unless it is hunting trail.	Y	
238	238-7	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Attached please are the trails that we would like to be re-evaluated and reviewed. 3619, 3621, 3652, 3654, 3655, 3656, 3657, 3658, 3659, 3660, 3661, 3662, 3663, 3664, 3665, 3666, 3667, 3668, 3669, 3670, 3671, 3672, 3673, 3674, 3675, 3676, 3677, 3678, 3679, 3680, 3681, 3682, 3683, 3684, 3685, 3686, 3687, 3688, 3689, 3690, 3691, 3692, 3693, 3694, 3695, 3696, 3697, 3698, 3699, 3700, 3701, 3702, 3703, 3704, 3705, 3706, 3707, 3708, 3709, 3710, 3711, 3712, 3713, 3714, 3715, 3716, 3717, 3718, 3719, 3720, 3721, 3722, 3723, 3724, 3725, 3726, 3727, 3728, 3729, 3730, 3731, 3732, 3733, 3734, 3735, 3736, 3737, 3738, 3739, 3740, 3741, 3742, 3743, 3744, 3745, 3746, 3747, 3748, 3749, 3750, 3751, 3752, 3753, 3754, 3755, 3756, 3757, 3758, 3759, 3760, 3761, 3762, 3763, 3764, 3765, 3766, 3767, 3768, 3769, 3770, 3771, 3772, 3773, 3774, 3775, 3776, 3777, 3778, 3779, 3780, 3781, 3782, 3783, 3784, 3785, 3786, 3787, 3788, 3789, 3790, 3791, 3792, 3793, 3794, 3795, 3796, 3797, 3798, 3799, 3800, 3801, 3802, 3803, 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Letter #	Comment #	Theme	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4	Comment	Substantiative (Y/N)	Rationale for Non-substantive Determination
240	240	Modify Alternative C	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics	ACECs	Please adopt a modified Alternative C, which proposes Wild & Scenic protection for all eligible streams, fully protects all Wilderness Study Areas and other lands with wilderness characteristics, and establishes more than 108,000 acres of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
241	241-1	Adopt Alternative C	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics	ACECs	Please adopt Alternative C, which proposes Wild & Scenic protection for all eligible streams, fully protects all Wilderness Study Areas and other lands with wilderness characteristics, and establishes more than 108,000 acres of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
241	241-2	Modify Alternative C	Livestock Grazing				Alternative C should be modified to not only close to grazing riparian corridors in the San Joaquin River Gorge, North Fork Kaweah River, South Fork Kern River, and other areas of ecological importance, but also remove grazing in all allotments where livestock grazing has violated range health standards.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
242	242-1	Adopt Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				I am a regular user of Case Mountain, BLM land in Three Rivers, California. After attending the public meeting on Oct. 18, 2011, I feel that the best alternative for care of the public land is Alternative B.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
242	242-2	Modify Alternative B	Cave and Karst Resources				The current care of the Case Mountain BLM land seems fine. I do not feel that big improvements need to be made. However, if seeking input: 1. Improved parking area. 2. An occasional law enforcement appearance. 3. If more gun enthusiasts use the area, a specific gun area would be good.	N	Outside the scope of the RMP
243	243-1	Modify Alternative B	Other				WSPA would not oppose the BLM selecting Alternative B — the "Preferred Alternative" — as the final Management Plan if Alternative B is amended to address the following issues.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
243	243-2	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				WSPA recommends that all areas and trails located within the California Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) Oilfield Boundaries be considered to be "Authorized Use" only	Y	
243	243-3	Modify Alternative B	Minerals Mgt.				WSPA recommends a revision to the new lease stipulation "Controlled Surface Use — Existing Surface Use/Management". This new lease stipulation is to be applied to: 1) instances of split estate where the surface rights and the mineral rights are owned by separate parties; and 2) instances where the proposed activity is closer to a public highway, institution, or place of assembly than allowed by city/county ordinance, or applicable statute. WSPA recommends the deletion of the term "public highway". Furthermore, WSPA recommends that the new stipulation aligns with applicable DOGGR policies regarding split estate fluid mineral development and/or existing surface occupancy — as opposed to city/county ordinances; and/or the 200 foot standard proposed in the DRAFT RMP document.	Y	
243	243-4	Modify Alternative B	Minerals Mgt.	Biological Resources			WSPA recommends changing this language to read as follows: "Presence of habitat or species may result in the proposed action being moved. Buffer zones will be established on a project-by-project basis set forth by BLM in consultation with the lease, and shall not exceed 200 feet."	Y	
243	243-5	Modify Alternative B	Other				The term "non-routine" needs to be defined further to ensure consistent applicability, or this provision should be removed.	Y	
244	244-1	Adopt Alternative A, B, or E	Cave and Karst Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services			I hereby petition that the Millerton Cave system be classified as class I	Y	
245	245-1	Adopt Alternative A, B, or E	Cave and Karst Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services	Biological Resources		I would you to classify Millerton Caves as Class1	Y	
246	246-1	Adopt Alternative A, B, or E	Cave and Karst Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services			I would like to voice my concern for the possible Class III designation of Millerton Cave.	Y	
247	247-1	Adopt Alternative A	Cave and Karst Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services			I am concerned about the closing of Millerton cave and other caves in this area. The closing of a cave causes only the people who care about and protect the cave to stop entering the cave.	Y	
248	248-1	Adopt Alternative A, B, or E	Cave and Karst Resources				Millerton Cave should be classified as Class I	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
249	249-1	Adopt Alternative A, B, or E	Cave and Karst Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services			I am not in favor of the possible Class III designation change for Millerton Cave.	Y	
250	250-1	Adopt Alternative A	Cave and Karst Resources				This message is meant to address my concerns with imposing Class III on your caves.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
251	251-1	Adopt Alternative A, B, or E	Cave and Karst Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services	Biological Resources		Making Millerton Caves accessible as a Class 1 is important	Y	
252	252-1	Adopt Alternative C	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics	ACECs	Please adopt Alternative C, which proposes Wild & Scenic protection for all eligible streams, fully protects all Wilderness Study Areas and other lands with wilderness characteristics, and establishes more than 108,000 acres of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
252	252-2	Modify Alternative C	Livestock Grazing				Alternative C should be modified to not only close to grazing riparian corridors in the San Joaquin River Gorge, North Fork Kaweah River, South Fork Kern River, and other areas of ecological importance, but also remove grazing in all allotments where livestock grazing has violated range health standards.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
253	253-1	Develop a New Alternative	Livestock Grazing	NEPA Adequacy			The Range of Grazing Alternatives in the DRMP Is Inadequate	Y	
253	253-10	Clarification Request	Water Resources	Livestock Grazing			The DRMP Fails to Take a Hard Look at Impacts to Water Resources :	Y	
253	253-11	Other	NEPA Adequacy	Livestock Grazing			The DRMP Fails to Take a Hard Look at the Cumulative Impacts of the Plan :	Y	
253	253-2	Other	Livestock Grazing	Other			Moreover, BLM's failure to address livestock grazing alternatives violates FLPMA's implementing regulations.	Y	
253	253-3	Develop a New Alternative	Livestock Grazing	NEPA Adequacy			The BLM should revise the DEIS to include full review of a reasonable range of alternatives for livestock grazing including a reduced grazing alternative.	Y	
253	253-4	Clarification Request	Livestock Grazing	Biological Resources			The DRMP Fails to Provide DPC Objectives or Guidance	Y	
253	253-5	Clarification Request	Lands and Realty				The DRMP Fails to Comply with BLM Policy In Determining Lands Available For Grazing :	Y	
253	253-6	Clarification Request	Livestock Grazing	Biological Resources	NEPA Adequacy		The DEIS Fails to Hard Look at Impacts to Biological Resources :	Y	
253	253-7	Clarification Request	NEPA Adequacy	Air and Atmospheric Values			The DEIS fails to Take Hard Look at Climate Change Effects :	Y	
253	253-8	Clarification Request	Livestock Grazing	Social and Economic Resources	NEPA Adequacy		The DEIS Fails to Consider the Socio-Economic Benefits of the No-grazing Alternative :	Y	
253	253-9	Modify Alternative B	ACECs				The BLM Should Designate More and Larger ACEC in the RMP :	Y	
256	256-2	Clarification Request	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			How much control of access will be deployed by the BLM, as we would expect a significant increase of traffic and recreational use when the public is informed that it is a "new" designated RMA?	Y	
256	256-3	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services				What is the funding structure of the project to establish this new organization? Will fees be charged the public to use the RMA? Are the funds available to maintain the management of the RMA?	Y	

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256	256-4	Other	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			While we are not against the multiple uses of public lands, we are concerned that the area may become overcome with traffic and interference	Y	
257	257-1	Modify Alternative B	ACECs				The focus of our comments is on the treatment of private property that is in the area of the proposed action. The proposed ACEC document and project map incorporates 4,800 acres of property that is privately owned and is only distinguished by color as private yet is clearly included in the boundaries of the BLM ACEC proposal. All maps should denote private land with a "Not a Part" statement on each specific parcel so that it is clear to all reviewers of the map that the BLM has no jurisdiction on those private property parcels. Policies should be included in the plan that directly state that lawful activities conducted on private property adjacent to ACEC BLM lands are not subject to any of the policies in the BLM plan.	Y	
258	258-1	Adopt Alternative B	Minerals Mgt.				OEHI also supports Alternative B as being the most reasonable	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
258	258-2	Adopt Alternative B	Minerals Mgt.	Livestock Grazing	Biological Resources		OEHI concurs with BLM Alternative B and encourages proper grazing of lands within BVH, of matter for fire control. OEHI additionally agrees with split-estate identification where mineral resource development is desirable. As to Conserved Lands, OEHI concurs with BLM Alternative B as to proper management of surface disturbance and the protection of wildlife corridors on Public Lands. OEHI is committed to the proper management of their adjoining lands within the BVH area.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
258	258-3	Adopt Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Resources - Uses 2.3.5, Comprehensive Trail and Travel Management. OEHI is interested in protecting the public and conserving habitat lands within BVH area and working with BLM to this end. OEHI supports limiting public access as to All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) traffic in heavy mineral production areas.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
258	258-4	Adopt Alternative B	Livestock Grazing				Resources - 2.3.7 Livestock Grazing. OEHI is interested in being a good neighbor to BLM within the BVH area with continuing limited grazing, and thereby reducing the fire threat to the surrounding area resulting from vegetation over growth.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
258	258-5	Adopt Alternative B	Minerals Mgt.				Resources - Uses 2.3.8, Minerals Management. OEHI is interested in supporting no surface occupancy (NSO) and protecting Compensation Lands within BVH area that BLM may establish and that OEHI (fee) has and will set aside as HCP lands, while still reserving a sensible limited surface access for production of valuable hydrocarbon deposits. OEHI is interested in working in concert with BLM for Controlled Surface Use (CSU) designations to HCP lands.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
258	258-6	Adopt Alternative B	ACECs				Resources - Uses 2.3.10, Special Designations, Lokem-Buena Vista ACEC. OEHI agrees with the BLM management Alternative to identify and establish CSU as to Protected and Sensitive species while still reserving sensible limited surface access for production of valuable hydrocarbon deposits	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
259	259-1	Adopt Alternative B	Minerals Mgt.				VPC also supports Alternative B as being the most reasonable	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
259	259-2	Adopt Alternative B	Minerals Mgt.	Livestock Grazing	Biological Resources		VPC concurs with BLM Alternative B and encourages proper grazing of lands for fire control. VPC additionally agrees with split-estate identification where mineral resource development is desirable. As to Conserved Lands, VPC concurs with BLM Alternative B as to proper management of surface disturbance and the protection of wildlife corridors on Public Lands.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
259	259-3	Adopt Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				Resources - Uses 2.3.5, Comprehensive Trail and Travel Management. VPC is interested in protecting the public and conserving habitat lands and working with BLM to this end. VPC supports limiting public access to All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) traffic in heavy mineral production areas.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
260	260-1	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Livestock Grazing			I am writing to express my concerns regarding the apparent inclusion of private property into the mapping of the proposed Bitter Creek ACEC.	N	Agrees or disagrees with BLM policy or decisions without justification or supporting data.
260	260-2	New Information	Livestock Grazing	Social and Economic Resources			While there is a long history of multiple use of BLM land for grazing and ranching activities, in recent years such uses have been eliminated or discouraged based on concerns for the impacts on species and protected habitat. This reduction of grazing opportunities increases the importance of retaining the remainder of carefully managed private land for the economic viability of Kern County ranching operations.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
260	260-3	New Information	Livestock Grazing	Wildland Fire Ecology and Mgt.	Biological Resources		I believe cattle grazing has been beneficial to the environment by controlling non-native vegetation and wildfires, and by providing a safe, traditional source of food for the California Condor.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
260	260-4	New Information	Livestock Grazing				I urge a careful examination of all the policies on the BLM land that may restrict or eliminate grazing and a thorough evaluation of how such uses can co-exist for the benefit of all users of the land.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
261	261-1	Modify Alternative B	NEPA Adequacy				we have rated the preferred alternative and the document as EC-2, Environmental Concerns — Insufficient Information (see enclosed EPA Rating Definitions	N	Comment does not require a response.
261	261-2	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	Visual Resources	We recommend that the preferred alternative be modified to: adopt all proposed ACECs, include pursuit of congressional designation for all eight of the Wild and Scenic waterway segments, fully protect lands identified with wilderness characteristics, and include further protections for high value wetland and riparian areas	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
261	261-3	Modify Alternative A, B, C, D, and E	Livestock Grazing	Other			We recommend that the Final RMP/EIS provide additional information describing the potential for the development of renewable energy and transmission lines, and the management measures that would be implemented to protect and restore rangeland health from grazing	Y	
261	261-4	Modify Alternative B	Air and Atmospheric Values	Other			Additionally, we recommend the BLM include a climate change mitigation and adaptation plan within the RMP/EIS to account for, minimize, and mitigate the effects of climate change	Y	
262	262-1	Adopt Alternative C	Other				Therefore, we urge adoption of "Alternative C" of the DRMP	Y	
262	262-2	Adopt Alternative A	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				2) We are very concerned about and oppose the potential creation of the Temblor Range SRMA	Y	
262	262-3	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				If this SRMA is established, there must be a serious law enforcement component built in, with funding in place to intensively manage it in perpetuity	Y	
262	262-4	Adopt Alternative A, B, C, D, or E	Other				We notice that the various maps contained in the DRMP incorrectly represent at least a part of the CPNM boundary. On these maps, our Stubblefield Ranch property is mostly subsumed into the Monument. I have provided a map (Attachment A) which illustrates the boundary of Stubblefield Ranch. Please change the maps in the DRMP, so that they correctly reflect current ownership in this area	Y	
263	263-1	Adopt Alternative A, B, C, or E	Livestock Grazing				Bidart Bros. supports the grazing objectives in Alternatives A, B, C and E and opposes that in Alternative D	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
263	263-2	Clarification Request	Recreation and Visitor Services				Bidart Bros objects to the goal that the draft RMP states on page 64 for the section "Comprehensive Trail and Travel Management." A qualifying statement should be added to temper the words -access and recreational opportunities" with words that recognize only appropriate and permitted access would be granted if ever to the public, especially on private land and on private roads	Y	
263	263-3	Clarification Request	Visual Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs		In addition, the maps were nearly illegible, particularly A.5, even when Bidart's managers were shown a printed original	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.

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263	263-4	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Biological Resources	Livestock Grazing	Water Resources	<p>Bidart Bros. objects to the inclusion of the proposed Temblor Range Special Recreation Management Area and the Temblor Extensive Recreation Management Area in the draft RMP (pages 102, 103, 122, 141, 159 and 160) Bidart Bros. requests that any reference to, map or exhibit that depicts the Temblor Range SRMA or the Temblor Range ERMA in the Alternatives B, C D and E, be removed. The plan document states on pages 371 and 372 that future rules for enforcement of a future decision have yet to be created and future "sufficient funding" and assignment of sufficient number of BLM personnel have yet to be allocated to the management of the areas With none of these resources now available or a budget commitment to fund them, the BLM should not designate the areas for planning. Designation of these areas on planning maps becomes an open invitation to the unmanaged and unregulated public to overrun the Temblor Range.</p> <p>a) There will be more harassment of our livestock, which adversely alters livestock foraging and watering habits, and ultimately will diminish Bidart Bros.' BLM permitted grazing and the grazing on private land,  b) Bidart Bros.' forage will be trampled by the public, therefore less forage will be available for livestock to graze on BLM permitted land and private land:  c) Bidart Bros. privately owned livestock water infrastructure will be damaged by the public more frequently than already occurs, and  d) There will be greater risk of fires, which will damage public and private forage and infrastructure and will threaten adjacent lands in the Carnzo Plains and north of Crocker Canyon Road,  Bider! Bros believes that the public will mistake the planning maps (Maps 2.5, 2.6, or 2.10) as designated and managed areas, which now are only undeveloped and unbudgeted objectives of the BLM. The plan is premature and should not be presented in this draft plan.</p>	Y	
263	263-5	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Livestock Grazing			<p>Apart from Bidart Bros objection to the Inclusion of the TRSRMA and the TRERMA in the draft RMP, Bidart objects to the size of the areas chosen. There is no supporting evidence in the document to explain why this area is designated, when it well known that there is a large amount of private land and road ownership in the north end of the proposed areas. Currently that land is dedicated to livestock grazing</p>	Y	
263	263-6	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Livestock Grazing			<p>Also, the BLM has made a significant omission in its assumptions on pages 371 and 372 and elsewhere. It should assume private landowners will not cooperate with the BLM</p>	Y	
263	263-7	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Livestock Grazing			<p>The area designated in the draft RMP should be much smaller, be solely on BLM public land, and should not take private property</p>	Y	
263	263-8	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Livestock Grazing			<p>In addition_ a better choice is to further limit a recreation area designation in the draft RMP to only the area known as the Urban Interface RMZ and eliminate any mention of the TRSRMA and the TRERMA in Alternatives B, C D and E</p>	Y	
264	264-1	New Information	Biological Resources	Lands and Realty			<p>One of the most important objectives of our work is to protect the Tehachapi Linkage, a critical wildlife corridor. BLM properties located in Township 29S, Range 33E and Township 27S, Range 32E (sections 13, 23, 24, 28, 29 and 36) are of high importance to this linkage. BLM should ensure that these parcels should be protected and managed in a way compatible with this conservation effort and should not be disposed of without conservation restrictions.</p>	Y	
264	264-10	Modify Alternative b	Other-Weed Management				<p>We support BLM's effort to survey and remove invasive weeds especially founder populations using integrated pest management principles. But 5 years from detection to treatment is far too long to treat newly discovered weed problems. BLM should have in place the environmental documentation, planning, and logistical capacity to streamline the response to quickly attack new infestations of non-native, invasive weeds in a much shorter time period. This should include authorization for judicious use of hand crews, equipment, and limited amounts of selected herbicides.</p>	Y	
264	264-11	New Information	Lands and Realty	Other-Wind Energy			<p>Condors, vultures, eagles, raptors and songbirds use this area extensively for migration as well as breeding and yet industrial scale wind energy is proposed or being considered in this area on BLM lands.</p>	Y	
264	264-12	Modify Alternative B	Biological Resources	Other-Wind Energy			<p>Any permits, planning or future development should take into account the cumulative impacts of the many projects in place and/or proposed in this region. The CRMP should take into account the work being prepared by the Conservation Biology Institute Wind, Wings, and Wilderness: Decision Support for Minimizing Ecological Impacts in the Southern Sierra and Tehachapi Mountains as well as others to develop comprehensive guidelines for the protection of wildlife, movement corridors and the energy development in this area.</p>	Y	
264	264-13	New Information	Biological Resources				<p>Open Topped Vertical Pipes including mining claim markers, sign posts, fence posts should not be allowed on public lands. These should be capped, screened, closed or removed to prevent thousands of birds and other wildlife from being killed.</p>	N	Does not pertain to the plan
264	264-2	New Information	Livestock Grazing	Biological Resources			<p>Conservation measures in this area should promote the protection of private owned working ranches. These provide important wildlife habitat, open space as well as production of food and fiber.</p>	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
264	264-3	Adopt Alternative B	ACECs	Cultural Resources	Biological Resources		<p>We support the designation of all existing and proposed ACECs listed in Alternative B. These areas harbor unique cultural or wildlife resources that deserve added protection and recognition.</p>	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
264	264-4	Modify Alternative B	ACECs				<p>Of particular importance to Audubon, please retain the current recommendation to designate Cyrus Canyon 5,374 acre Area of Critical Environmental Concern.</p>	Y	
264	264-5	New Information	ACECs	Biological Resources			<p>Within this proposed ACEC are 1666 acres that were donated to BLM by the Audubon Society in 2006 in part to protect the very rare Mimulus Shevockii.</p>	Y	
264	264-6	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Livestock Grazing			<p>Because this plant has occurred on this site for many years with livestock grazing, the use of grazing should be considered as a potential management tool in maintaining this population.</p>	Y	
264	264-7	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			<p>OHV trespass off designated trails in this area should be addressed by closing illegal roads and trails at the improved county road.</p>	Y	
264	264-8	Other	Biological Resources				<p>Caliente Creek – This riparian area is we support effort to protect additional lands along this creek.</p>	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
264	264-9	Modify Alternative B	Biological Resources				<p>Caliente Creek – Efforts should be made to remove invasive plant like salt cedar in the near term.</p>	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
265	265-1	Adopt Alternative C	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics	ACECs	<p>American Whitewater recommends that the BLM adopt Alternative C, which proposes Wild &amp; Scenic protection for all eligible streams, fully protects all Wilderness Study Areas and other lands with wilderness characteristics, and establishes more than 108,000 acres of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern. We want to highlight our support for recommending Wild &amp; Scenic River protection for the San Joaquin River Gorge.</p>	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
265	265-2	Adopt Alternative C or D	Wild and Scenic Rivers				<p>We would also like to point out the importance of recommending the lower Kern for Wild and Scenic designation. In the report, the BLM fails to recognize the value of combining the 3.5 river miles of the lower Kern that are contained within BLM lands with the 30 miles downstream that are contained on Forest Service lands and already determined suitable by the Forest Service. It simply makes sense to have the entire lower Kern, from Lake Isabella to the mouth of the canyon, under the same Wild and Scenic designation. The report also highlights the significant increase in recreation on this reach. It is exactly because of the significance of this recreational resource that this section of the lower Kern deserves Wild and Scenic protection.</p>	Y	
266	266-1	Clarification Request	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				<p>Here is a general comment about all your plans from B to E. You seem to be making the assumption that if you close roads by percent XX that it will reduce the number of miles driven on the remaining roads by the same amount. I contend that most of the miles driven on closed roads will be shifted to the remaining open roads. You may end up with no reduction in the miles driven on your roads at all.</p>	Y	

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266	266-10	Modify Alternative B	Minerals Mgt.				you should not be removing any lands for being claimable, especially lands that are in and around proven gold bearing areas. You need to be add lands back to the publics use so they are claimable.	Y	
266	266-11	Clarification Request	Air and Atmospheric Values				In option E you are hoping to reduce projects for 332 to 227 or about a 30% decrease. Then you say it is not known how much the change in emissions this represents but you think the PM10 emissions will drop by the same amount. There will be almost no change in the PM10 emissions. Any emissions in the areas where the projects are located are scrubbed by the mountains as they move east out of the area. This is what has happened in the area forever. You have absolutely no proof that eliminating 30% of the projects will have any impact on the emissions in the area.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
266	266-2	Clarification Request	Air and Atmospheric Values	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.			you could even cause more pollution on the remaining open roads because the natural pollution produced on these roads may be greater than the closed roads.	Y	
266	266-3	Clarification Request	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				By concentrating more miles on fewer roads, you will most likely cause more ware and tare on the remaining open roads	Y	
266	266-4	Modify Alternative B	Minerals Mgt.				Closing lands to claiming which could help produce wealth for this country is the wrong thing to do.	Y	
266	266-5	Modify Alternative B	Minerals Mgt.				Even though you might say, the land you remove from the claiming process is to be offered to the public for recreational use, it removes that land form being developed into a mining operation. You should be looking at putting addition lands in the hands of minors to develop the minerals on that land.	Y	
266	266-6	Modify Alternative B	Minerals Mgt.				In fact in your report you should state that highbanking is not only to be allowed but it is encouraged. Highbanking as well as other small prospecting equipment does not import pollution from outside the claimed area. Prospecting only moves material around within the claimed area. Small prospecting equipment use should be encouraged instead of prohibited. Once minerals are proven on a claim, a letter of intent or a plan of operation will be filed where you review and monitor the mining operation. As long as the miner is ensuring that his activities are reasonably incident to prospecting, mining or prospecting operations and the miner fills in his exploration holes, this should satisfy the requirement to avoid unnecessary or undue degradation under the regulations.	Y	
266	266-8	Modify Alternative E	Minerals Mgt.				Option E is the better of all the bad options that are being proposed. Option E is proposing the removal of lands from being claimed for prospecting and possible mining operations. This country is in the mists of a huge financial crisis. The thinking of the government needs to change from what can we take away from the public to how can we help create more opportunities for people to create wealth for this country. Mining is a big industry but it could be huge. You are proposing to remove more lands from being claimable at a time when you should be looking to see what lands do we have that we could offer to the public for prospecting and mining.	Y	
266	266-9	Clarification Request	Minerals Mgt.				You are wanting to remove lands in Keysville from being claimable. This area, of all areas, is right in the heart of gold bearing mountains in Kern County. This has been proven to be gold bearing as many millions of dollars in gold have been mined in this area.	Y	
267	267-1	Adopt Alternative C	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics	ACECs	Please adopt Alternative C, which proposes Wild & Scenic protection for all eligible streams, fully protects all Wilderness Study Areas and other lands with wilderness characteristics, and establishes more than 108,000 acres of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
267	267-10	Clarification Request	Wild and Scenic Rivers				We believe that the BLM segment of the North Fork is more appropriately classified as Scenic.	Y	
267	267-11	Modify Alternative B	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Other			The multi-agency dissonance in regard to the outstanding values (or supposed lack thereof) and the eligibility of North Fork Kaweah River must be rectified. Based on the available record, we believe that the entire 14.5 miles of the North Fork under BLM, NPS, and Forest Service jurisdiction does indeed possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, wildlife, and cultural values.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement. No citation for the "available record" was provided.
267	267-12	Modify Alternative B	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Other			We recommend that the BLM, NPS, and Forest Service meet to discuss and jointly identify the outstanding values of the entire river, determine its eligibility, and recommend the entire 14.5 miles for Wild & Scenic protection. The BLM segment should be classified Scenic and the upstream BLM/NPS and NPS/Forest Service segments should be classified Wild. Public access and recreation issues associated with the BLM segment should be resolved through the development and implementation of the Comprehensive River Management Plan.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
267	267-13	Other	Wild and Scenic Rivers				We agree that by itself, a .12-mile segment of river is not feasible to manage and protect as Wild & Scenic, but the NPS recommended Wild & Scenic protection for the Middle Fork Kaweah (RMP pg. 3-16), upstream of the short BLM segment (although the two segments are separated by private inholdings). In addition to its own specific recreation and cultural ORVs, the NPS segment shares the BLM's segment's outstandingly remarkable scenic value. The recommended NPS segment upstream improves the overall manageability of the river on NPS and BLM lands and, and assuming some simple cooperation and coordination between fellow agencies within the Department of Interior, belies the RMP claim that the segment is too "short" to effectively manage.	Y	
267	267-14	Other	Wild and Scenic Rivers	NEPA Adequacy	Other		The apparent failure of the BLM to coordinate with the NPS on a joint study of the Middle Fork is particularly troubling because the BLM promised in the Caliente RMP Record of Decision (ROD) to confer with the NPS and seek funding to conduct a joint study. Please note that this language was specifically included in the ROD in response to a protest filed by Friends of the River.	Y	
267	267-15	Modify Alternative B	Wild and Scenic Rivers				The final RMP should recommend protection of the Middle Fork Kaweah River as a Recreational River, in conjunction with the upstream NPS segment. Administer and protect outstandingly remarkable values to the extent of existing BLM authority. If Congress designates the river, the Comprehensive River Management Plan should address permanent protection of ORVs by encouraging local zoning that protects these values or if needed, through the acquisition of lands and scenic easements per section 6 of the Act.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
267	267-16	Other	Wild and Scenic Rivers				As with the Middle Fork, the overall manageability of the East Fork is improved by the fact that the NPS is recommending its upstream segment of the East Fork (although the NPS segment is separated from the BLM segment by private inholdings). Again, the manageability of the river segments would be improved through cooperative management and coordination between the two agencies.	Y	
267	267-17	Other	Wild and Scenic Rivers	NEPA Adequacy	Other		The apparent failure of the BLM to coordinate with the NPS on a joint study of the East Fork is particularly troubling because the BLM promised in the Caliente RMP Record of Decision (ROD) to confer with the NPS and seek funding to conduct a joint study. Please note that this language was specifically included in the ROD in response to a protest filed by Friends of the River.	Y	
267	267-18	Clarification Request	Wild and Scenic Rivers				We believe that the East Fork would be more appropriately classified as Scenic.	Y	
267	267-19	Modify Alternative B	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Lands and Realty	Other		The final RMP should recommend protection of the East Fork Kaweah River as a Scenic River, in conjunction with the upstream NPS segment. Administer and protect outstandingly remarkable values to the extent of existing BLM authority. If Congress designates the river, the Comprehensive River Management Plan should address permanent protection of ORVs by encouraging local zoning that protects these values or if needed, through the acquisition of lands and scenic easements per section 6 of the Act.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
267	267-2	Modify Alternative C	Livestock Grazing	Biological Resources			Alternative C should be modified to remove grazing in all allotments where livestock grazing has violated range health standards and limit grazing in all sensitive riparian corridors and other areas of ecological importance. Grazing should also be limited on allotment lands that support sensitive, threatened and endangered species.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
267	267-20	Clarification Request	Wild and Scenic Rivers				It makes no sense for the RMP to argue that the area's primary management focus for intensive recreation may not be consistent with protecting the recreation ORV.	Y	
267	267-21	Other	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Other			Again, cooperative and coordinated management between the two agencies would help protect the overall ORVs of the entire river.	Y	
267	267-22	Clarification Request	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Biological Resources	Lands and Realty		The RMP also claims the need for "flexible" management to deal with potential changes in TES species status then argues that "other administrative protections are more appropriate for protecting the identified values" (RMP pg. 3-28). The plea for flexible management needs clarification.	Y	

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267	267-23	Other	Wild and Scenic Rivers				the Act, through the development and implementation of the Comprehensive River Management Plan and through the authority provided by section 6 can provide the tools for the BLM to effectively manage the river.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
267	267-24	Other	Wild and Scenic Rivers	NEPA Adequacy	Other		The apparent failure of the BLM to coordinate with the Forest Service on a joint study of the lower Kern River is particularly troubling because the BLM promised in the Caliente RMP Record of Decision (ROD) to confer with the Forest Service and seek funding to conduct a joint study. Please note that this language was specifically included in the ROD in response to a protest filed by Friends of the River.	Y	
267	267-25	Modify Alternative B	Wild and Scenic Rivers				The BLM and Forest Service should jointly conduct a suitability study of the entire 30-mile segment of the lower Kern River from Isabella Dam to the National Forest boundary. We believe that the entire river should be recommended for protection, with the joint BLM/Forest Service segment between the dam and Borel Powerhouse classified as Recreational.	N	Outside the scope of the RMP
267	267-26	Clarification Request	Wild and Scenic Rivers				For the North, Middle, and East Forks of the Kaweah River, the RMP claims that there are no known "Federal, state, tribal, local, public, or other interest in designating the river" (RMP pgs. 3-11, 3-15, and 3-21). In regard to the lower Kern, the RMP mentions the eligible National Forest segment downstream of the BLM lands, but fails to mention whether there was any attempt to coordinate on a joint suitability study.	Y	
267	267-3	Clarification Request	Wild and Scenic Rivers				Outstandingly remarkable values (ORVs) for the San Joaquin River Gorge are not consistently identified in Volumes 1 and 3 of the RMP/DEIS.	Y	
267	267-4	Clarification Request	Wild and Scenic Rivers				the RMP should specifically note that the San Joaquin River Gorge is a rare example of low elevation public lands in the Sierra foothills, surrounded by private lands under heavy development pressure.	Y	
268	268-1	Modify Alternative B	Lands and Realty	ACECs			I am writing to oppose wind energy development on Federal Lands in the Tehachapi Mountains; and to support Ranchers for Responsible Conservation's efforts to do the same. My husband, my two sons and I live in this area and wind energy development will have a terrible impact on the land, our way of life, and our future.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
268	268-2	Modify Alternative B	Lands and Realty	ACECs			We request that these public lands be off limits to wind energy Rights of Way and unavailable for disposal in the new Resource Management Plan for the BLM Bakersfield Field Office. This draft Plan makes many other lands within the BLM's management area off-limits to wind energy development, but does not provide this same protection to BLM Lands in the Tehachapi Mountains.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
268	268-3	Modify Alternative B	Lands and Realty	ACECs			The BLM Lands in the Tehachapi Mountains that are within the BLM Bakersfield Office's jurisdiction are a set of scattered in-holdings surrounded by private property (primarily ranchlands with low-impact grazing and recreational uses), and almost no paved roads or development. Allowing these isolated BLM Lands to be developed for wind energy projects, either by making the BLM Lands available for acquisition by deep-pocketed developers or by allowing right of way leases, would force major changes on our surrounding private lands and to our way of life.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
269	269-2	New Information	Biological Resources	ACECs	Lands and Realty		I give thought to the fact that possibly the grazing is helping to ensure the continuation of the Monkey Flower. A simple test could be done by building an enclosure keeping cattle out of a small area where the flower exists while allowing cattle to graze on surrounding areas.	Y	
270	270-1	New Information	Wild and Scenic Rivers				While I deplore the loss of power generation on the San Joaquin from the Proposed Temperance Dam, I would wonder the effect of the Scenic River classification on the Dam and current hydro projects.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
270	270-2	Modify Alternative B	ACECs				Should not Atwell Island be turned over to the Fish and Wildlife Service for inclusion in the nearby Kern and Pixley National Wildlife Preserve system.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
270	270-3	Modify Alternative B	Biological Resources				The restoration of the Rinconoda (?sp.) Mine introduced star thistle to the area. This lack of monitoring and corrective action indicates that the lack of outcome based planning espoused in 1.4.3 actually negates any credibility of the Document.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
270	270-4	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Recreation and Visitor Services			The proposed increase of OHV use in the temblors will also increase weeds and decrease habitat and water sources.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
270	270-5	New Information	Air and Atmospheric Values	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Recreation and Visitor Services		This dust will of course impact the Valley Air attainment.	Y	
270	270-6	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Recreation and Visitor Services	Air and Atmospheric Values		Actually, it would make more sense to have an OHV park in the Santa Monica Recreation Area or close to potential users. The less trips from LA to Taft the less smog. While lands between the Sierras and the Coast range are obviously in the Valley, the Office, with acquiescence of the air district, chooses to obtain burn permits from the coastal counties. Because of the ocean breeze, these counties do not use the air quality index as a permit determinant. While, perhaps, technically legal, this may be indicative of the office's ethical standards. When it was requested that this office notify the clinic chain that services several local minority communities for impact and staffing reasons when burning would occur, the request was summarily denied. Therefore, the Region should note these attitudes in management personnel files, hold corrective workshops on ethics and environmental justice...	Y	
271	271	Modify Alternative B	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.				I understand that the BLM plans to close trails on adjacent federal land to public use, and that the Calf Canyon Truck Trail would be open for authorized use only. Use of this area has not been a problem for me as a landowner. I request that you leave any routes in this area open for multiple use. Many of us who own adjacent land use this BLM land for hiking, horseback riding, and hunting. We would like to see the land continue to be open with as few restrictions as possible.	Y	
272	272-1	Adopt Alternative B, C, or D	Wild and Scenic Rivers				I heartily support your proposal to recommend Wild & Scenic River status for the San Joaquin River Gorge.	Y	
272	272-2	Adopt Alternative C	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas	ACECs		I favor Alternative C, including WSR status for all eligible rivers. This alternative is wise to protect the wilderness character of all wilderness study areas and other lands BLM found to have wilderness characteristics. It designates 108,000 acres as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
272	272-3	Modify Alternative C	Livestock Grazing				Please add an element to Alternative C to exclude livestock grazing from riparian corridors in the San Joaquin Gorge, North Fork Kaweah, and South Fork Kern, and shut down grazing wherever it has been found to violate BLM's prescribed range health standards.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
273	273-1	Clarification Request	Livestock Grazing	Biological Resources			There has been no known, published information about any threatened and or endangered plants and animals being affected by "open range" grazing of cattle.	Y	
273	273-2	Modify Alternative B	Livestock Grazing	Biological Resources			Why remove the Naturally grazing cattle before studies can be done? Start the study with the cattle on the land. Perhaps rotation of the cattle, using other area to see what happens to the "Monkey Flower" with and without the cattle. Is there a difference?	Y	
273	273-3	Modify Alternative B	Livestock Grazing	Biological Resources			There seems to be not enough information on the effects of cohabitation of the grazing cattle and the "Monkey Flower" to close-off areas.	Y	
273	273-4	Clarification Request	Livestock Grazing	Biological Resources			What are or have other areas like Ridgecrest and Tulsa County done to balance the grazing cattle and Nature? These areas have the Monkey Flower as well.	Y	
273	273-5	Modify Alternative B	Livestock Grazing	Biological Resources			Why "reinvent the wheel", look at studies that have already been done to begin the process collecting data. Work with the cattlemen and women of America.	Y	
274	274-1	Modify Alternative B	ACECs				It appears that you may combine North Fork and Case Mountain into one new "Kaweah" ACEA. That may be acceptable and needed for administrative purposes, but there does need to be recognition of distinct separation in the different usage and management needs of the two areas. North Fork has been inappropriately used by certain groups and has a "bad name". Case Mountain is geographically separate, possessing different resources and has had passive, responsible use by most visitors.	Y	
274	274-10	New Information	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services	Public Safety and Health		Discharge of firearms for hunting and target shooting is allowable in a number of other BLM and public lands with-in reasonable travel distance from Case Mountain. In immediately adjacent Sequoia National Park and National Forest and possibly BLM lands (including Case Mountain), there are heavily armed foreign national drug cartels growing vast amounts of marijuana. It is not wise to allow legal firearms in the area.	Y	

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274	274-11	New Information	ACECs	Livestock Grazing			The general Three Rivers/Kaweah area has a long and rich tradition and heritage in cattle ranching. However, in the last few years a number of the legendary "cowboys" have been retiring and cattle may now not be as significant in the local economy as in earlier years. In Case Mountain ACEC there are currently just a few allotments. In the past years most of the cattle have been pulled off the lower range and apparently (possibly) it was not economical to continue cattle grazing at this location. There are however a heard of horses that do use some BLM land.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
274	274-12	New Information	ACECs	Biological Resources			In the lower parts of the Salt Creek drainage there has been recent massive invasion by various non-native thistles but particularly Italian thistle. Star Thistle is present and spreading in the Kaweah- Three Rivers area. Major habitat damage from thistle and other invasives continues.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
274	274-13	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Livestock Grazing			Pages 387-389 discuss impacts of grazing. It may be wise to review the entire Case Mountain ACEC, but in particular the Sequoia Groves and all riparian areas, to see if Alternative D, the no grazing policy, should be applied to part or all of the ACEC. Negative economic impacts on allotment holders could be mitigated. Grazing operations should be adjusted or terminated within riparian areas if studies show a negative effect upon the plant or wildlife community or natural values.	N	Expression of personal opinion with insufficient reasoning or facts to back-up the statement.
274	274-2	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services			Sections of the DRMP discuss the need for safer and better public access to Case Mountain, which is correct. This information could be expanded and strengthen and included in other related sections also. Better, safer, non- nuisance parking and access is vital to the best use of the ACEC by the public. However, extensive infrastructure at a trail head is not needed and "standard amenity fees" page 77, are NOT appropriate for this site.	Y	
274	274-3	Clarification Request	ACECs	Lands and Realty	Biological Resources		No reference was found in the DRMP discussing the need for acquisition of private inholding parcels and adjacent private riparian areas, needed to achieve the highest protection for the Sequoia groves and other natural assets of Case Mountain ACEC. The intact habitat system of the area does not stop at man-made property lines. This information should be included on page 127 and other related sections.	Y	
274	274-4	Clarification Request	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services			The RMP had few, if any, references to the use of BLM land for environmental education and related programs. Those programs should be an integral part of the use of BLM lands in addition to economic and recreational uses.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
274	274-6	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Biological Resources			Add to Kaweah ACEC : " Manage habitat to support populations of Kaweah brodiaea" (Brodiaea insignis). See Craig Ranch Biological Narrative, Dec. 13, 2010.M. Baer-Keeley.	Y	
274	274-7	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services			For the Case Mountain section( element) of the Kaweah ACEC, Change bullet # 7 from allowing discharge of firearms for legal hunting to "prohibit the discharge of all firearms".	Y	
274	274-8	New Information	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services	Public Safety and Health		With increasing use of Case Mountain by a variety persons involved in a various "gentle" activities, shooting is NOT compatible. There is some danger of injury with the movement of bikers, horses and walkers in a shooting area. The sound of gunshots echoing through the canyons is a nuisance and annoying to some using the ACEC and homeowners in adjacent residential neighborhoods.	Y	
274	274-9	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services			Case Mountain section( element) of the Kaweah ACEC: If hunting is needed or desired in the area it can be quiet bow hunting.	Y	
134	134-02	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services	Minerals Mgt.	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Regardless of the new land use classification (ACEC, SRMA, SMA, AEI, etc), these designated Special Management Areas should not include the mines/mineral collecting sites in them, or the roads. The road and mine sites should be "cherry stemmed" from the SMA classifications. The current condition of these old roads may be poor. But miners and mineral collectors should be allowed to propose temporary road improvements and surface disturbance to get to the mines in order to conduct exploration or development under 3809 notices or plans or through rights of way applications.	Y	
134	134-03	Modify Alternative B	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services	Minerals Mgt.	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	The proposed alternative is to close many of the Special Management Area (SMA's) to any type of road access and many to casual use collecting. The mine/mineral collecting sites in many cases are miles from roads that are in the Travel Management plan. By restricting vehicular access, BLM is effectively closing them. This closure is not needed to protect non-mineral values. Those competing resources can be protected on a case-by-case basis, as proposals to explore and develop minerals are proposed by miners and mineral collectors. It is poor management to simply close off all activity in the SMA's. Mineral users should have the opportunity to propose mineral activities in these areas and in their proposals show how mineral exploration or development can occur without damaging non-mineral resources.	Y	
134	134-04	New Information	ACECs	Cultural Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services	Minerals Mgt.	We are not interested in destroying or degrading any cultural sits or artifacts that may exists presently in our collecting areas. We also welcome a trained archeologist to survey were we pursue our rock collecting actives. To delineate and show us were they are.	Y	
134	134-05	New Information	ACECs	Cultural Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services	Minerals Mgt.	We would suggest that the local b.l.m. talk to the local collages and museums in Kern County, to in list volunteers to help in the reclamation or excavation of found cultural sits. There are good people who would like an opportunity to volunteer in such an endeavor.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
134	134-06	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Minerals Mgt.			The plan states that there is conflict between mining and mineral collecting and other resource values. That is why the several Special Management Areas in the preferred alternative recommend mineral withdrawal and closure to casual use. But there is no conflict in BLM's administrative record for any of these alleged resource conflicts. Since no conflict exists, proposals to kick out the miners and mineral collectors out of the SMA's are not justified. There is no good reason to close the SMA's proposed for closure to mining and mineral collecting.	Y	
134	134-07	Modify Alternative B	Paleontological Resources	Cultural Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	The Horse Canyon Agate beds in the Horse Canyon Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) are proposed for withdrawal and elimination of casual use non-commercial agate collecting. The mineral collectors have been collecting at Horse Canyon for over 60 years. See exhibit page . There has never been a citation given by BLM to a mineral collector for damaging archaeological or paleontological resources. Most of the known archaeological and paleontological sites in the Horse Canyon ACEC are not on areas where BLM land has agate. Historically, most of the agate in the Horse canyon agate beds came from recent alluvial deposits on private land. The agate veins occur at higher elevations in volcanic rocks, and older alluvial rocks now resting on top the volcanic rocks. The paleontological resources are from Miocene fossils, mainly on private land in the eastern part of the Horse Canyon ACEC, and away from areas on BLM land where agate is known to occur. It is not necessary to close Horse Canyon to casual use or even commercial collecting in order to protect the archaeological or paleontological resources. BLM could put fences around the archaeological sites, and instruct mineral collectors to avoid those areas. Or BLM could require mineral collectors to have an archaeological technician with them when they collect to insure no archaeological features where disturbed. BLM could regulate access and only allow public collecting one day a month, or perhaps twice a year. The total closure proposed by the preferred alternative is a heavy handed way to address a minor conflict in resource use. Alternatively, BLM could develop a permit system to allow mineral collecting. But BLM did not consider any other way, other than closure to address the issue. Other options should have been considered, and a multiple use solution implemented.	Y	
134	134-08	Modify Alternative B	Paleontological Resources	Recreation and Visitor Services	Lands and Realty		There are no paleontological collecting sites identified in the plan. The BLM paleontological sensitivity map shows that the Kettleman Hills area has common invertebrate paleontological resources. A site in the Kettleman Hills should have been identified as a place for common invertebrate collecting. Access to most of the BLM parcels in Kettleman Hills is controlled by Chevron Oil Company. BLM should develop an agreement with Chevron for permitting public access to the public lands that have common invertebrate fossils.	Y	
134	134-09	Modify Alternative B	Minerals Mgt.	Recreation and Visitor Services			The Plan's description of management of abandoned mine lands (AML) allows for total closure ("hard closure) of some mine features (shafts, adits, drifts, declines). These hard closures make it impossible to miners, mineral collectors, geologists, and other researchers access to the underground mine workings. For geophysicists, mine workings are important features for studying rocks because they are often not as weathered as surface exposures of rock units. In almost all cases, these hard closures are not necessary. The working can be made safe for humans in other ways, such as installing grates over shafts and at the same time allow access for mineral collecting or research activities. The Plan should be modified to allow no "hard" permanent AML closures.	Y	

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134	134-10	Other	NEPA Adequacy	Minerals Mgt.	Other		The mineral potential analysis is arbitrary and capricious. No objective standard was created for the analysis. The classification in the RMP does not follow BLM policy and definitions of mineral potential found in BLM manual 3060	Y	
134	134-11	Other	Recreation and Visitor Services	NEPA Adequacy	Minerals Mgt.	Other	Withdrawal proposals for several of the Special Management Areas are inconsistent with BLM policy withdrawals were only appropriate in area of high mineral development potential where there is also another resource that can't be protected any other way than by closing an area to the Mining Law. Several of the proposed mineral withdrawals are in areas that BLM itself classified as not having potential. There have never been any citations or problems with miners exploring or developing minerals in the SMA's.	Y	
134	134-12	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	NEPA Adequacy	Minerals Mgt.	The cumulative effects of non-mineral management prescriptions (wildlife, archaeology, recreation, visual resource management, etc.) have resulted in a depression of mining activity and mineral collecting activity in the management area. There are over 200 known mines and mineral collecting sites in the management area that have already been closed due to wilderness and wilderness study areas. Additional non-congressional (administrative) restrictions have been implemented in some ACEC's by past planning efforts. The preferred alternative adds another 100+ sites to places that will be restricted or closed to mineral collecting and commercial mining. These cumulative effects are removing mineral collecting and mining as multiple use activities on BLM lands in the management area. This is a violation of the Multiple Use Act which requires BLM to manage for multiple uses, not just for recreation, wildlife or archaeology. He Plan is not balanced. It is heavily skewed against mining and mineral collecting.	Y	
134	134-13	Clarification Request	NEPA Adequacy	Minerals Mgt.	Other		The Plan fails to analyze what the level of activity would be, if the policies and regulations that are anti-mining and anti-mineral collecting would be curtailed. The Plan also underestimates the economic contribution of mining and mineral collecting. There are hundreds of mineral collecting clubs and mining companies in California. There are thousands of claims. Mineral collectors and mining claimants spend money when they collect or maintain claims. Almost every weekend, there are miners working their claims in the Keyesville Recreational Area. Sometimes they stay for several days. All this activity has economic impacts on rural communities. These impacts are not addressed in the Plan.	Y	
25	25-1	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Paleontological Resources	ACECs	Most rock, gem, mineral and fossil collecting locations have unique deposits that are unique to that location and are not found elsewhere. No practical mitigation is available for loss of access to such areas, therefore we request that such locations be excluded from closure or restriction and that motorized access, including spur roads serving those locations, be maintained.	Y	
25	25-2	Clarification Request	Recreation and Visitor Services	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.	Minerals Mgt.	Paleontological Resources	For each area listed please address and send me your written, in clear and appropriate language, response, within 90 days of the date of this correspondence, to each of the following Six (6) questions: 1. Where will mineral collecting and mineral exploration/development be prohibited or restricted? Please provide a map which includes longitudes and latitudes. 2. What are the known mineral collecting sites or mines in the Decision area? Please provide a map. Include location information (county, township, range, section, latitude, longitude, name of site) 3. What mineral collecting sites or mines will be removed from casual use, exploration or development? Please provide a map and a list of sites, which includes longitudes and latitudes. 4. For mineral collecting sites or mines that are not closed to exploration or development, how will access be restricted or allowed to them? 5. For areas proposed for closure, why was closure chosen? What other alternatives to closure were considered? Was restricted access by permit considered as an alternative to total closure? Under what conditions are vehicles permitted to access the site? Please provide a list of sites and summary of access restrictions to each one. 6. How did BLM calculate the economic impacts of mineral collecting and mineral exploration and development? Did BLM consider that mineral collectors contribute to local economies by their exploration activities? For each area listed please address and send me your written, in clear and appropriate language, response, within 90 days of the date of this correspondence, to each of the following Six (6) questions: 1. Where will mineral collecting and mineral exploration/development be prohibited or restricted? Please provide a map which includes longitudes and latitudes. 2. What are the known mineral collecting sites or mines in the Decision area? Please provide a map. Include location information (county, township, range, section, latitude, longitude, name of site) 3. What mineral collecting sites or mines will be removed from casual use, exploration or development? Please provide a map and a list of sites, which includes longitudes and latitudes. 4. For mineral collecting sites or mines that are not closed to exploration or development, how will access be restricted or allowed to them? 5. For areas proposed for closure, why was closure chosen? What other alternatives to closure were considered? Was restricted access by permit considered as an alternative to total closure? Under what conditions are vehicles permitted to access the site? Please provide a list of sites and summary of access restrictions to each one. 6. How did BLM calculate the economic impacts of mineral collecting and mineral exploration and development? Did BLM consider that mineral collectors	Y	
25	25-3	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.		The area of Horse Canyon in Kern County has been used for decades by Rockhounds BLM should take steps to improve vehicular access to the beds.	N	Comment takes the form of vague or open-ended question or request.
25	25-4	Modify Alternative B	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.		The BLM proposal is not in conformance with BLM policy. BLM could manage the area through a permit system. It is not necessary to close the area to protect archaeological features and artifacts in the ACEC.	Y	
25	25-5	Adopt Alternative A	Recreation and Visitor Services	ACECs	Comprehensive Trail and Travel Mgt.		I choose( Alternative A) which is a no action and then dealing with individual situations as they arise.	N	Comments in favor or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning, facts, or justification to back up the statement.
254	254-1	Adopt Alternative A or E	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Water Resources			the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources are currently studying the feasibility of the proposed Temperance Flat RM 274 Reservoir project on the Upper San Joaquin River (Reclamation and California Department of Water Resources 2008) in accordance with the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Record of Decision (2000). ACWA is very concerned a WSR designation of either San Joaquin River segment before completion of the Temperance Flat project feasibility study could prevent the project from being completed and impair implementation of the co-equal goals.	Y	
254	254-2	Develop a New Alternative	NEPA Adequacy				ACWA is also concerned that the BLM has failed to comply with its statutory obligation to cooperate with affected state and local agencies, including ACWA members, as closely as possible in preparing the RMP and therefore the study must be reinitiated so state and local agencies can participate as full partners.	Y	
255	255-1	Adopt Alternative C or D	Cave and Karst Resources				In the DRMP, it appears that a designation of a Class I (unfettered access) management plan for Millerton (Lake) Cave was somewhat preferred. I would suggest that perhaps a Class III designation (access for research and educational use) is a better classification and strongly suggest it be adopted.	Y	

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269	269-1	Modify Alternative B	Biological Resources	ACECs	Livestock Grazing		I'd like to take a moment and discuss the Monkey Flower issue, particularly the Monkey Flower issue that is being discussed concerning Cyrus Canyon in the Kern River Valley. This was formerly Sprague Ranch property. It seems to me that consideration should be given to the fact that the area in question has been grazed for well over 100 years and the Monkey Flower seem to be thriving.	Y	
274	274-5	Clarification Request	ACECs	Recreation and Visitor Services			2.2.15 page 77 Decisions. This section on the lower half of page 77 makes no reference to valuable passive recreational activities such as wildlife and nature observation, photography, picnicking, nature education, pond fishing and simple, quiet enjoyment of the natural setting. Although not applicable in many BLM lands, those values should be at the top of the list of importance in Case Mountain and the Salt Creek falls, gorge, riparian areas and watershed. That does not preclude appropriate hiking, mountain biking, equestrian activities etc. which if appropriately managed increase the multi-use value of the area.	Y	