

MOAPA BAND OF PAIUTES

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Re: solar energy study area along the southwest boundary of the Moapa River Indian Reservation near the Arrow Canyon Range

Dear Staff:

The Moapa Band of Paiutes has just learned of the solar energy study area on BLM land along the southwest boundary of the Moapa River Indian Reservation near the Arrow Canyon Range. Because of the close proximity of the proposed site to the reservation I think it is important that the Tribe have an opportunity to study this proposal and provide comments to BLM and DOE.

We request an extension of 60 days for the submission of comments on the solar study area and the potential impact to the Moapa Band of Paiutes. The requested extension will give the Tribe the necessary time to evaluate the proposal and determine its impact, if any, on the reservation.

Sincerely,

Philbert Swain
Tribal Chairman