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I am a member of Blue Ribbon Coalition, Americans for Responsible Recreational Access, Tread Lightly, National Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition and some smaller state associations in both Nevada and Utah. I am all for the responsible use of public lands by the public. I participate in educating others in being responsible and volunteer to cleaning up after those that are not responsible, so that the growing number of us wishing to use public lands in a responsible fashion, may continue to do so for many years to come. In Clark County, there is very little land that OHV's are allowed to use. Any lands that are taken away should be replaced, acre for acre.

I am all for alternative sources of energy. Solar energy is a great idea, especially in the desert, where vast amounts of empty land are just sitting there. I am, also, for protecting the environment. The above mention empty land, that is being considered for solar collection has been funded with Federal tax dollars, at a high cost for many years; surveying, mapping, maintaining, managing, enforcing, protecting the environment, all part of a Federally approved OHV area, all to be thrown away for a greater cause. Local organizations have spent great amounts of time and money on maintaining, cleaning area. Will this area be replaced with some other area? Will all the surveying, mapping, managing, etc. need to be redone? Would it not be easier to have the private corporation move to the new area? Perhaps, the private corporation, could offer to pay for some of the costs of moving the OHV area. I would be willing to volunteer my time to help survey, map, mark trails, etc.. Again, any OHV areas that are taken away should be replaced acre for acre.

Solar energy is a great idea. I am all for it. Lowering our dependence on foreign oil. Again, a great idea, I am all for it. The land that we have used for years is better suited for this worthy cause, so be it. But to take away our rights, that we have worked hard for, for a long time, with the support of the Federal government, on land that no one else wanted, is not right and you should not allow it.