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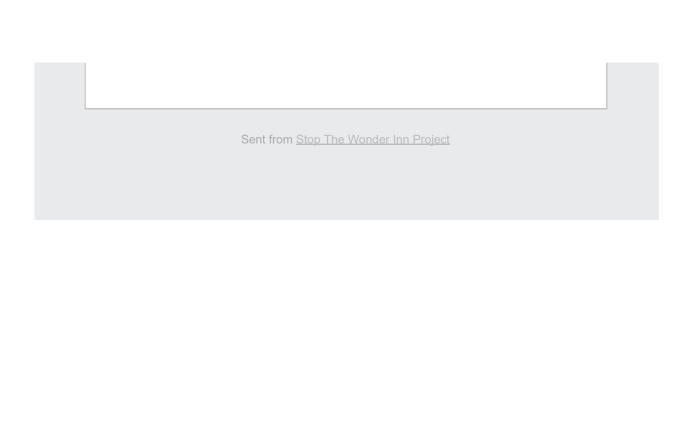
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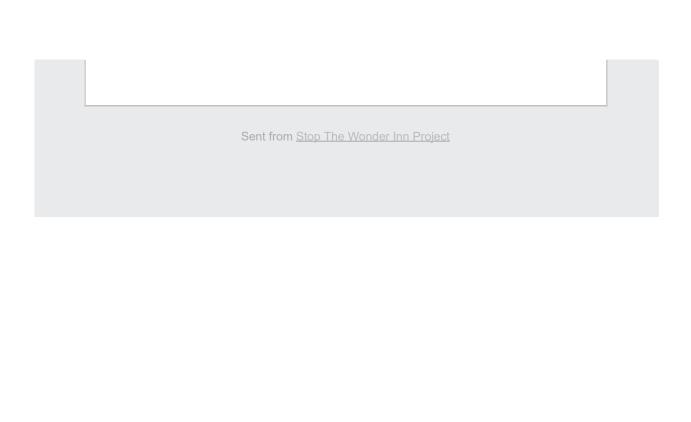
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I have also observed big horn sheep in the area and rare birds which I believe are condors in the sky in the Wonder Valley area. Its also imperative to study how noise from increased traffic and a large hotel structure in the middle of a wildlife corridor might affect these protected species as well.

Sent from Stop The Wonder Inn Project

From: Antony Van Couvering

To: Planning Commission Comments

Subject: Attn Michael Stoffel - In favor of Wonder Inn Hotel/Resort (Twentynine Palms), PROJ-2021-00163

Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 2:50:49 PM

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Dear Commissioner Stoffel:

I am writing in support of the proposed Wonder Inn Hotel/Resort, PROJ-2021-00163. I live less than a mile from the proposed resort, so I would be among those most affected. I have been a resident of the area for nearly 10 years.

I believe that the resort will bring much-needed economic development to a region that has desperately needs it. The Inn will provide sorely-needed jobs, and will help develop the tourist economy that is the only real hope for Twentynine Palms and its surrounding areas.

Opponents of the project are concerned about water use and light pollution. If excessive water use or light pollution were to occur, that would be a problem, but I believe these can be addressed by the developers and to a great degree have already been addressed in their proposal. However, having followed the discussion on NextDoor and Facebook among my neighbors, I can attest that these objections are simply those that they believe may have an effect. In reality, their objections come down to "city folk moving in to my neighborhood," as if the neighborhood belongs to them. It is simply NIMBY-ism, nothing more.

Therefore, I respectfully I urge you to approve the project once you believe that there are adequate safeguards regarding water use and light pollution.

With best regards,

Antony Van Couvering 78027 Indian Trail Wonder Valley, California 99277 (917) 406-7126

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As a long term Wonder Valley Resident, I strongly oppose this development project. A full Environmental Impact Report, prepared and reviewed with due diligence, is required to preserve this uniquely beautiful and extremely fragile landscape. To rezone a large amount of residential property in an ecologically fragile area is a terrible precedent. Small homeowners are invested in the sustainability of the region, where businesses are concerned with profit at any cost.

As someone with an architectural background who has a great deal of first hand experience in the area, I do not believe the developers of this project are aware of the actual environment they are proposing to develop. In addition to the many points listed above, the project is particularly ill-conceived as a business venture.

The shoddy "pseudo-report" claiming there are no desert tortoises (I've seen many tortoises in this area myself) and the patently absurd claim that the developers proposed water usage for vast pools, spas, showers and toilets will not affect the limited local water supply, are typical of projects developed for short term gains that often have no intention of long term sustainability.

This project is simply not credible as a long-term business venture. The hotel proposes to be open year-round 24 hours a day, and to create local jobs that will benefit the community. There is no mention that the water they draw from the desert aquifer requires reverse osmosis filtration before becoming potable - it's unclear that the developers even understand what is involved in this process. The hotel's "open plan" design asks potential guests to expose themselves to the full force of severe dust and wind storms, which are a regular occurrence in the valley, simply to travel from the parking lot to their rooms. Rattlesnakes, coyotes, and pack rats, who are the natural occupants in the region, will be attracted by the trash generated by restaurant and tourist businesses. The 24-hour hotel guests will quickly intersect with their night time hunting cycle. Should the hotel poison them, killing the road runners, falcons, and hawks that will eat their toxic remains? Or will they set traps that allow guests to stumble over the corpses of these native desert dwellers in the dark?

The hotel pool is particularly ill conceived - as a large open body of water that will face constant over heating and evaporation in the 120 degree summer heat. Swarms of insects, rodents, and predators will also seek out this "faux lagoon" environment. (If you haven't been in the valley for a bee swarm, a moth, or locust invasion, it is difficult to convey the density of

insects that come through this region each year.) Without constant treatment and replenishment, the hotel's proposed "lagoon pool" will become an insect, reptile, and rodent graveyard, and then evaporate into one the "salt flats," that are common across the region. The idea of naive tourists lounging by a windblown salt flat, surrounded by dead carcesses, and dying "olive trees" that are unsuited to this environment is a scene from a B-grade horror film. Should they flee indoors to their "shipping container" rooms, they will find themselves in a metal shed designed to move cargo. These containers are of a similar design to the "hot boxes" used to torture unfortunate prisoners in earlier eras. Metal is highly conductive to heat, and whether these rooms could be cooled to comfortable levels in the summer even with vast expenditures on air conditioning, is not likely. In the winter, these metal containers will conduct the cold desert night time temperatures, which can drop below freezing, requiring extensive heating expenses as well.

This lack of awareness of and concern for the realities of the actual desert climate and ecology is most commonly encountered in schemes that lead to a large amount of financing for the developers that can be pocketed, and an abandoned project that will be an eyesore in the environment for years to come. The developers have no previous experience with this type of venture or the desert region that would suggest otherwise. The "Wonder Inn," as a failed project, is most likely to become a decaying hazardous nuisance that will damage both the open beauty of a pristine desert and a rich animal habitat. Its remains will eventually need to be cleaned up and removed at public expense.

I have seen many projects like this go into development with the main goal to get up-front cash for developers, who then abandon the project as a write-off. The lack of intelligent design or scale of this proposed hotel, makes it very likely that this is the true intent of the "Wonder Inn." Please take this opportunity to require a full environmental report.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts and experience.

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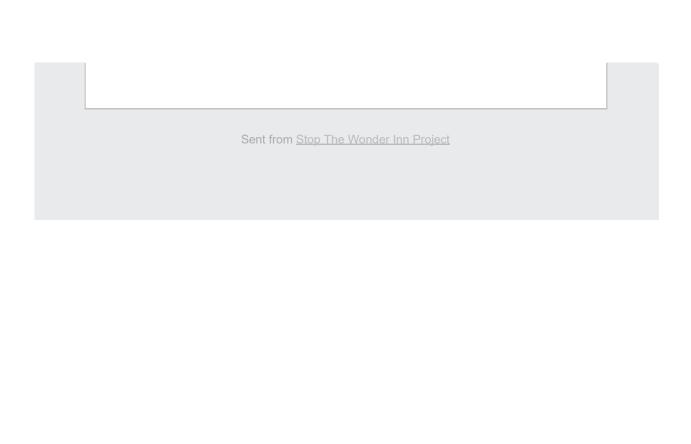
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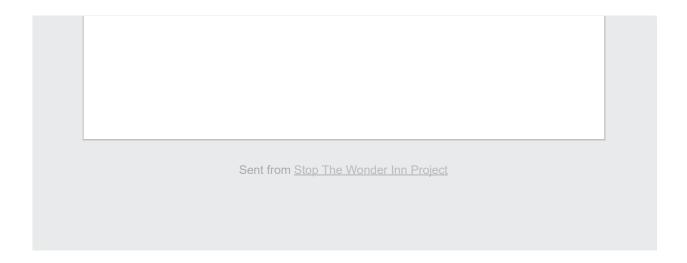
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I have not seen critical and practical information with respect to desert tortoises and the potential disturbance to their habitats and lives.

Desert tortoises are native to the deserts of the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico, and their populations have been declining for several decades due to habitat loss. The dangers to desert tortoises when new development starts eliminating their natural habitat include:

- 1. Loss of habitat: When new development starts eliminating the tortoises' natural habitat, it reduces the amount of land available for them to live and forage. This makes it more difficult for tortoises to find food and shelter and increases the risk of exposure to predators and other hazards.
- Fragmentation of habitat: In addition to reducing the overall amount of available habitat, new development can also fragment what remains into smaller, isolated pockets. This makes it more difficult for tortoises to move between habitats and increases the risk of inbreeding and genetic isolation.
- 3. Increased risk of predation: When new development brings humans and their pets into tortoise habitats, it increases the risk of predation by domestic animals such as dogs and cats. These animals can prey on tortoises, especially juvenile tortoises, and can also spread diseases to the tortoises that they come into contact with.
- 4. Increased road mortality: When new development brings roads into tortoise habitat, it increases the risk of road mortality for tortoises. Tortoises are slow-moving and often cross roads to find food, mates, and other resources.
- 5. Increased disease risk: When new development brings humans and their pets into tortoise habitats, it increases the risk of disease transmission to tortoises. Many diseases that are common in domestic animals can be deadly to tortoises, and even exposure to certain diseases can cause stress and weaken tortoises, making them more vulnerable to other hazards.

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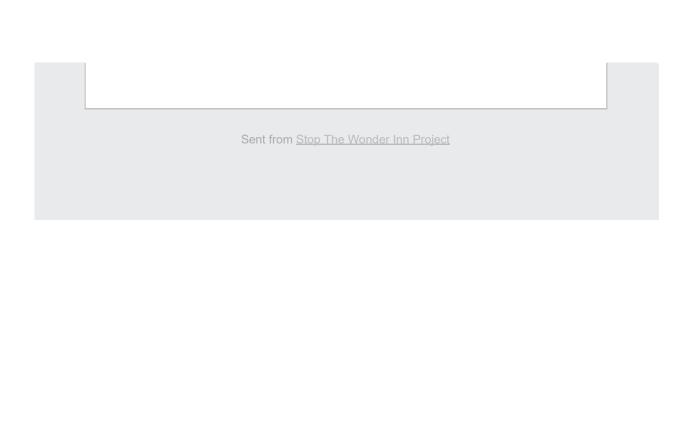
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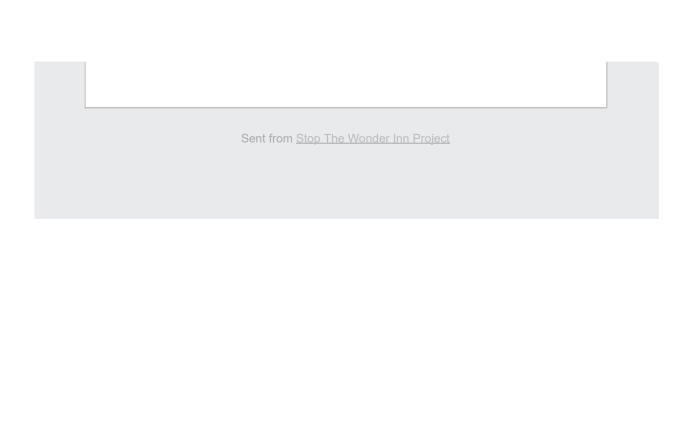
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Additional Comments

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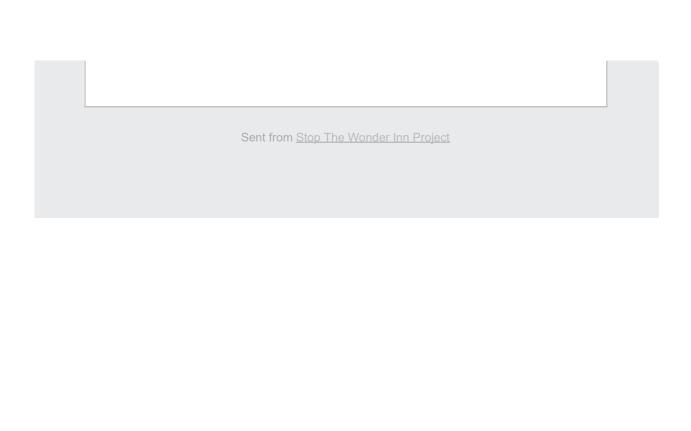
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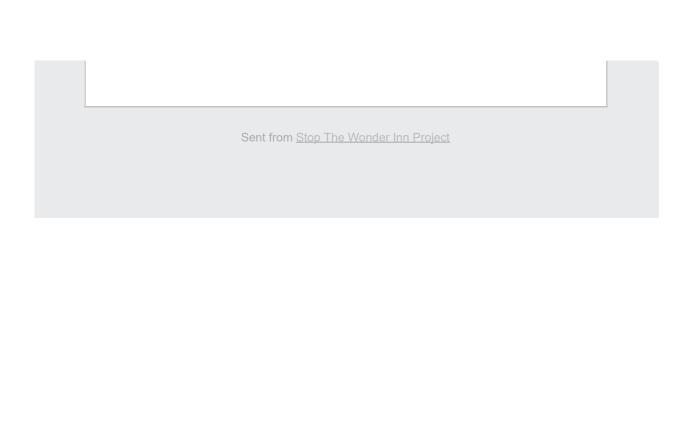
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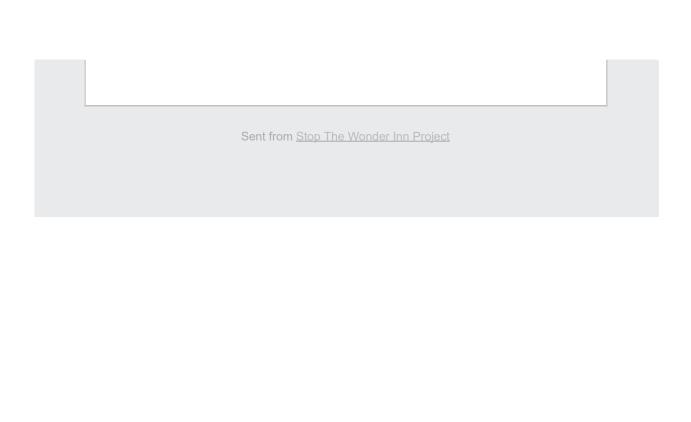
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in my work at Joshua Tree National Park as a science tech, one of my assignments was sampling old mill sites in the park for the presence of cyanide. Based on the results of that work, I can verify that sub surface cyanide soil contamination can persist for many decades. The use of cyanide solution at the proposed project site is far more recent, thus my concern.

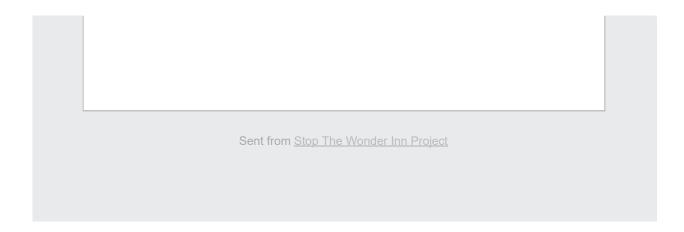
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Wonder Valley, Ca.



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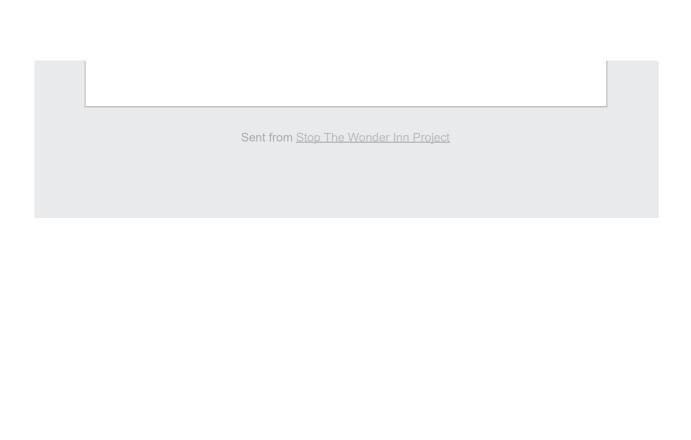
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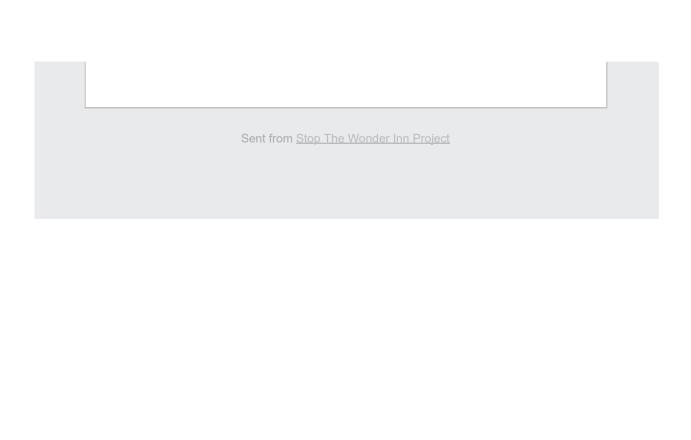
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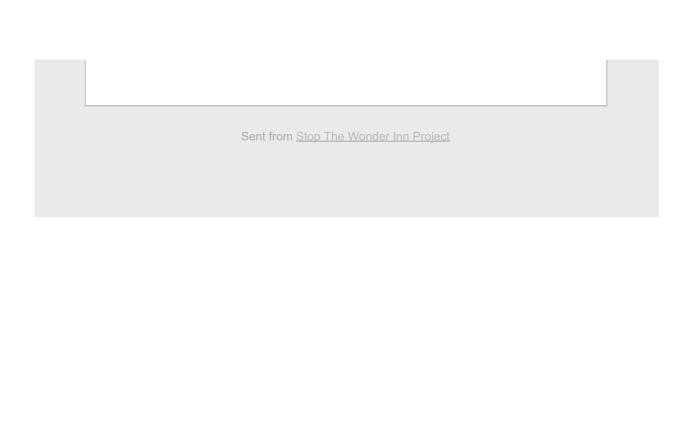
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Additional Comments

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We don't need or want this!

We survive off the water table in this area! We don't abuse it with resorts!

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Additional Comments

This project scientifically and objectively fails to consider ecological and social impacts. Please do not allow it to move forward.

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To: <u>Khan, Azhar</u>

Cc: Supervisor Rowe; Planning Commission Comments; Reyes, Steve

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I have worked as a contractor to the National Park Service for more than 20 years and have been on the staff of LA's Natural History Museum. My work as a storyteller and interpreter has relied on solid research and science. I believe the water use of this resort is especially untenable.

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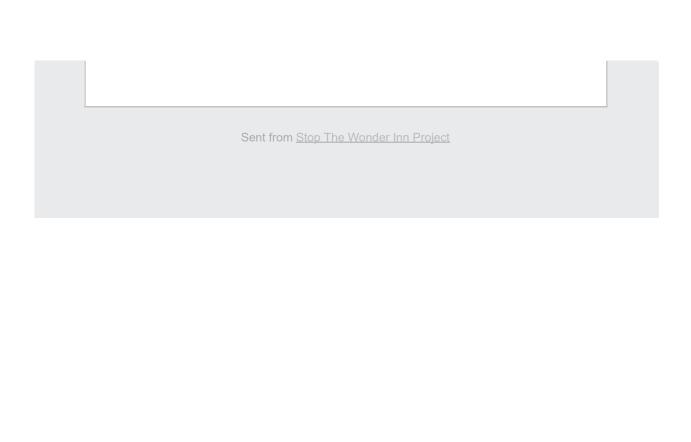
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Please read attached link:

https://www.bainhospitality.com/work/thewonderinn

We must speak up and protect our lands and tortoise!

Thank you,

Cristie Carter

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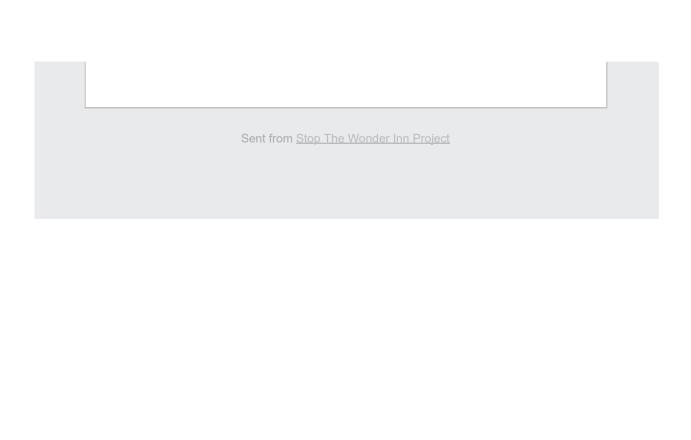
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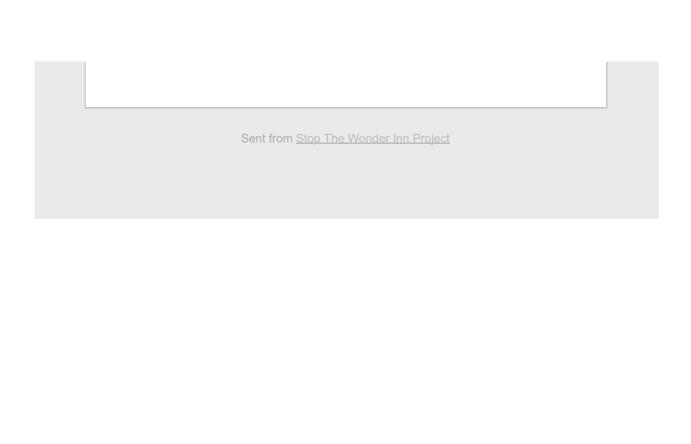
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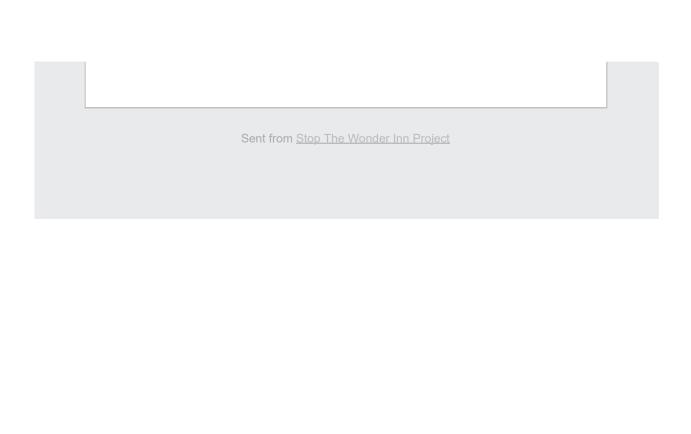
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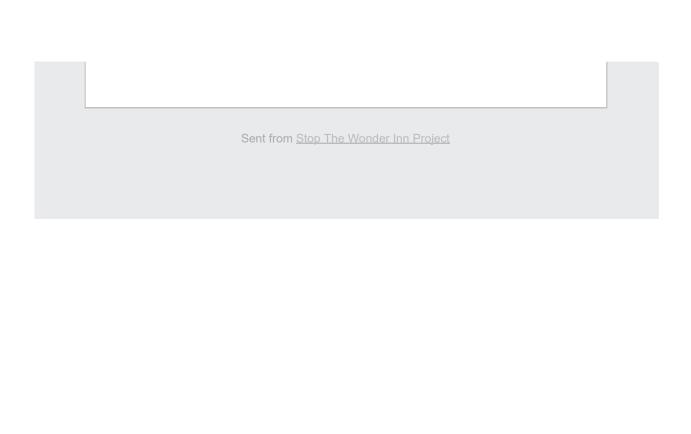
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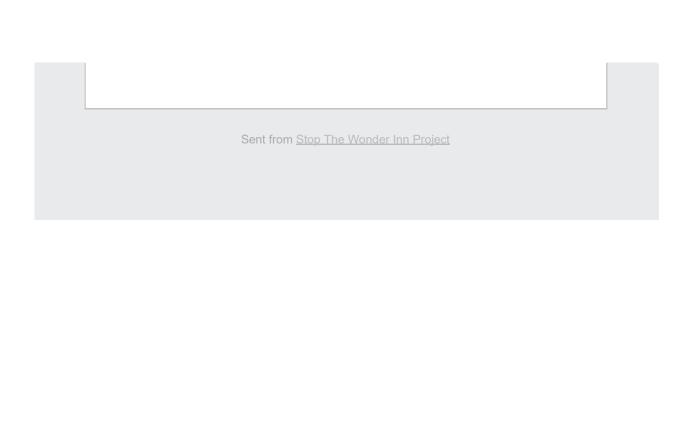
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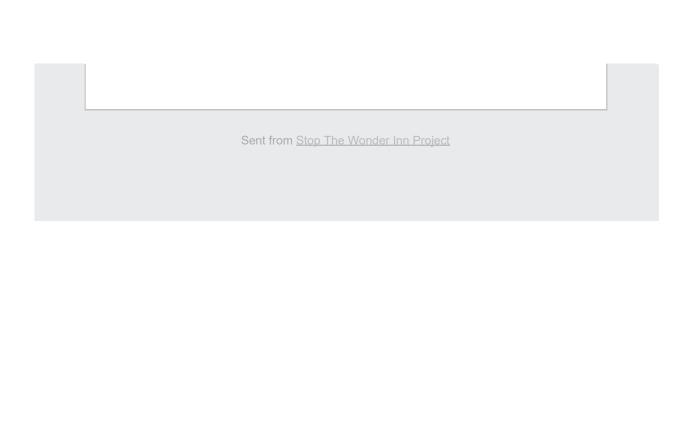
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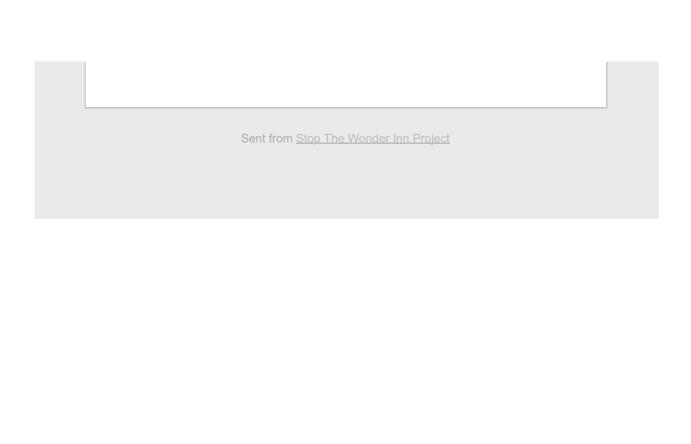
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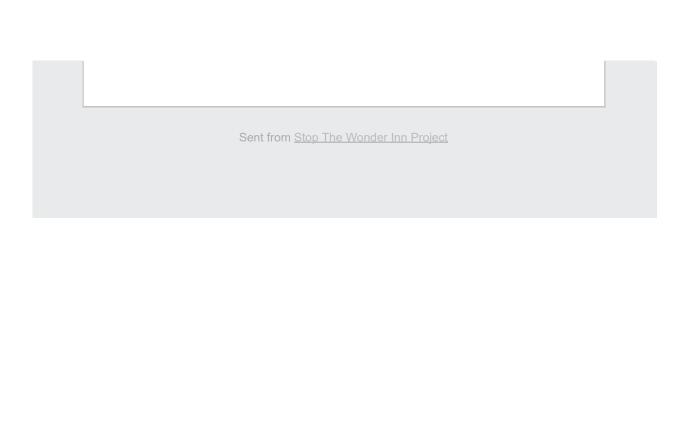
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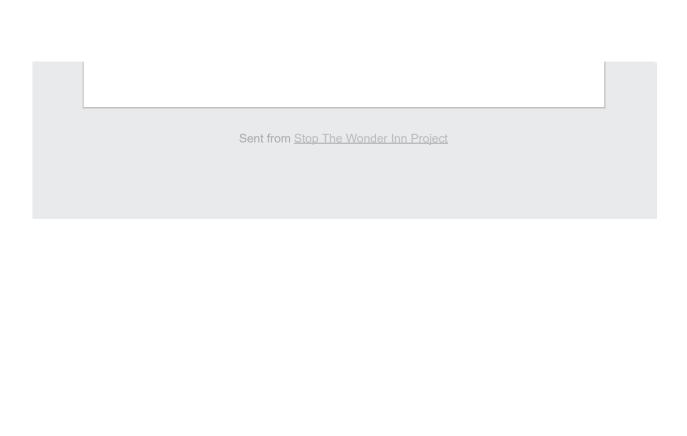
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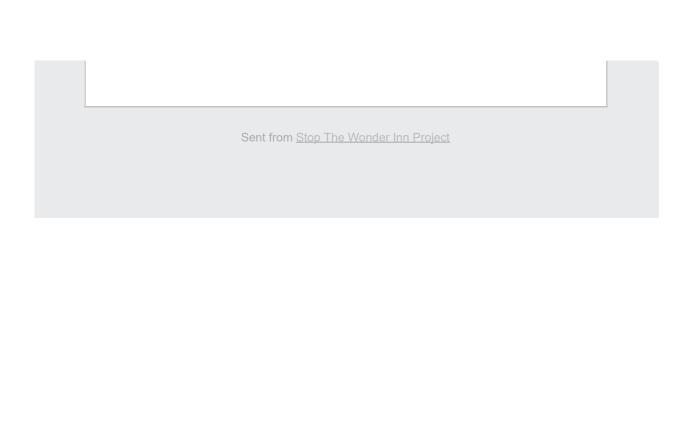
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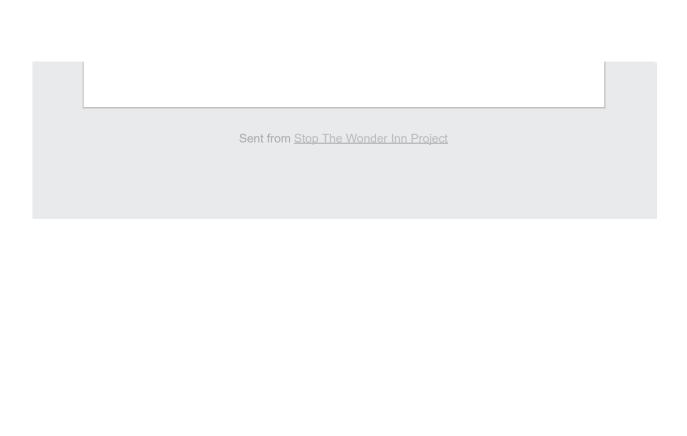
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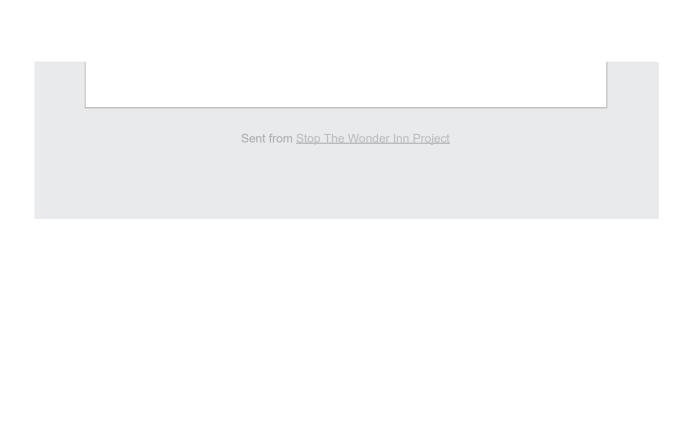
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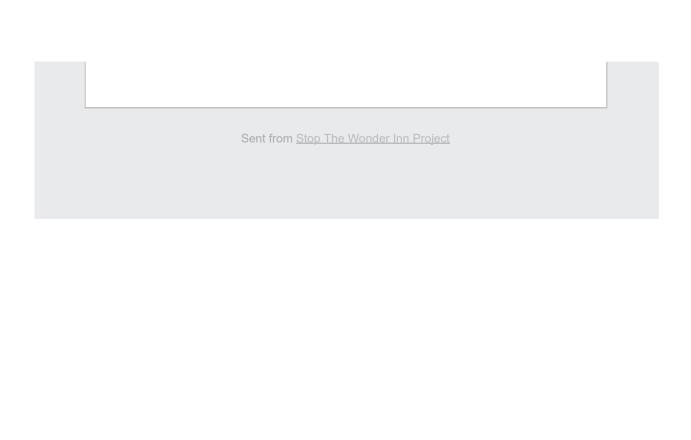
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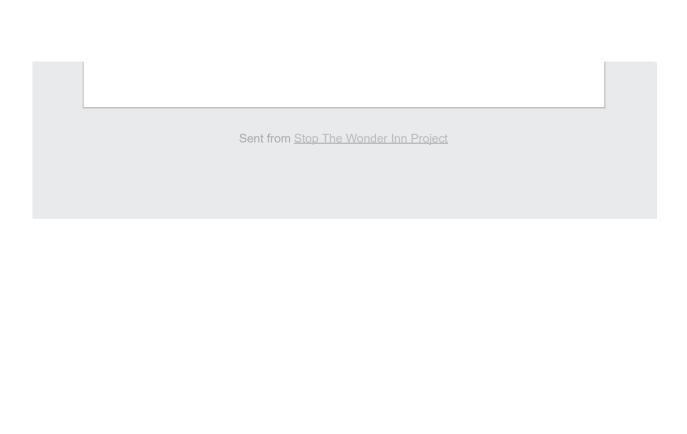
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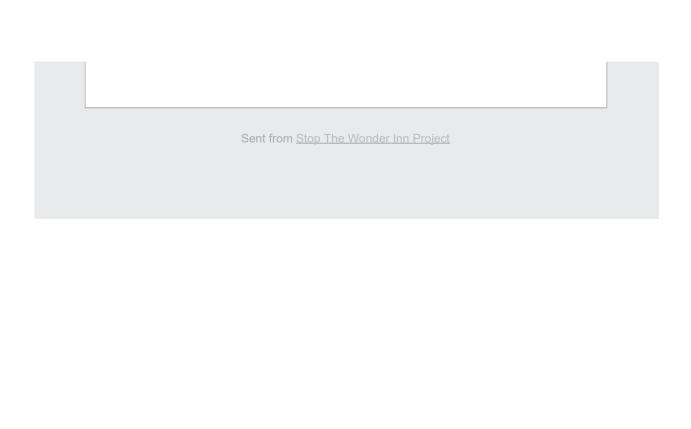
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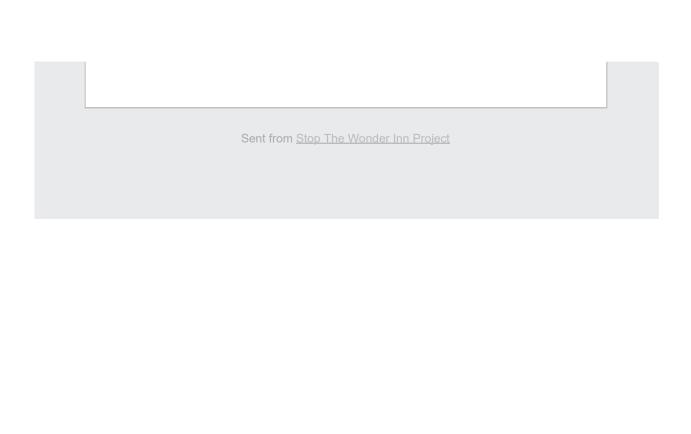
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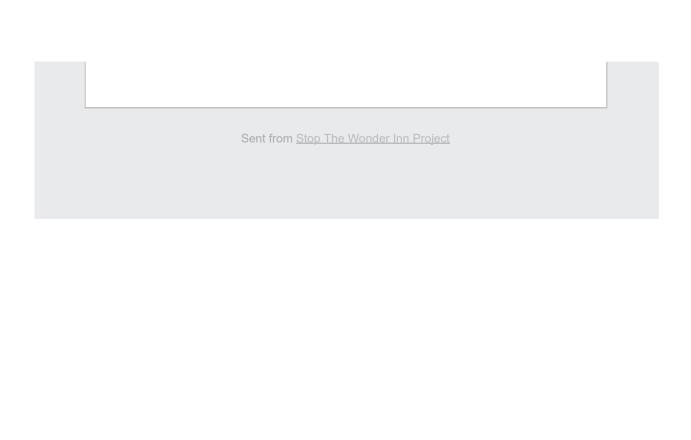
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Thank you for caring enough to not allow greed be your dedicated decision maker during your short lived life on earth . Knowing that your decisions will affect generations to come.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Teed

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From: Stop The Wonder Inn Project

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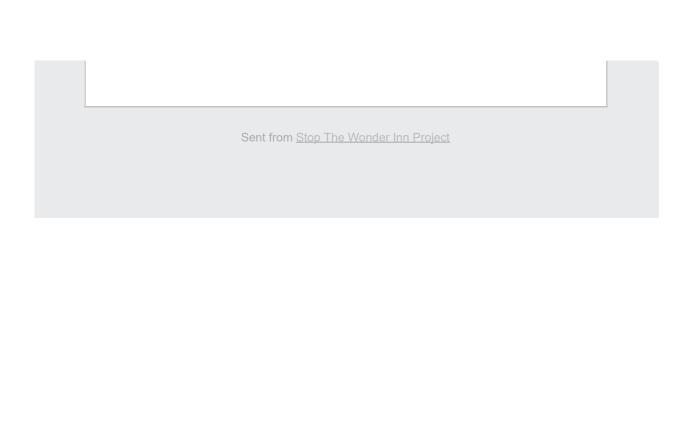
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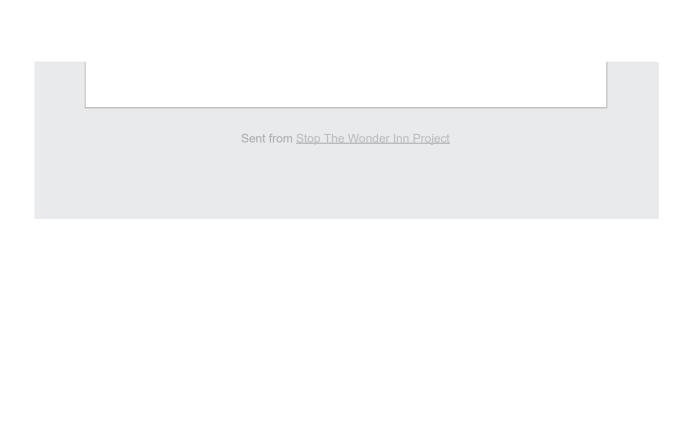
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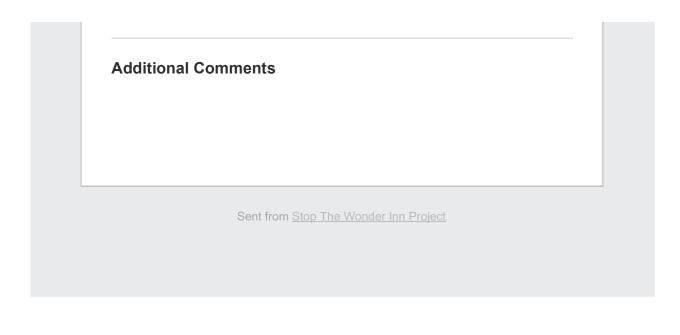
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To: Khan, Azhar

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Sent from <u>Stop The Wonder Inn Project</u>

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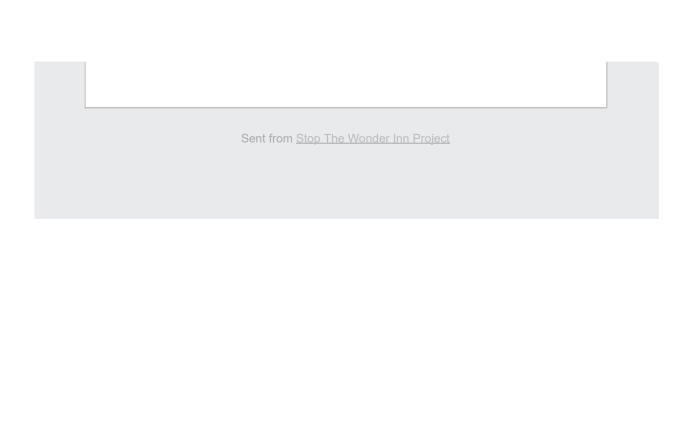
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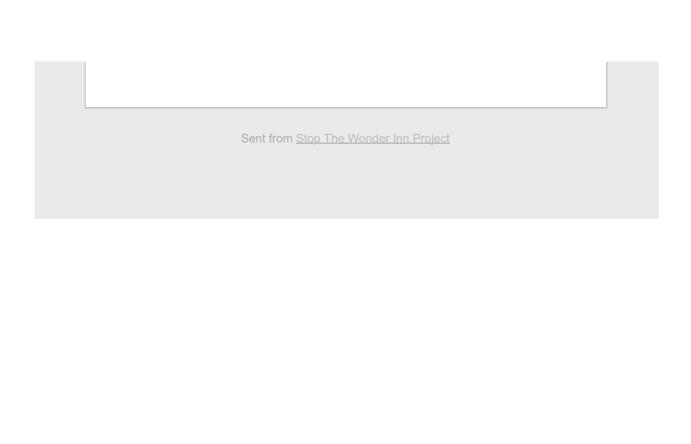
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Sent from Stop The Wonder Inn Project

From: JohnW TJ

To: Khan, Azhar; Supervisor Rowe; Planning Commission Comments; Reyes, Steve

Subject: Wonder Inn: comments on initial study (PROJ-2021-00163)

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To the above recipients, including Michael Stoffel of the Planning Commission,

Thank you for allowing me and an interested public the opportunity to comment on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Wonder Inn project in Wonder Valley.

I'm a resident of Twentynine Palms, my wife and I maintain a cabin in Wonder Valley, off of Amboy Road (it is for personal use and is not an STR.)

Many of us who spend time in the area recognize its unique character, including relative quiet, dark skies, and harsh beauty. Introducing a project of this scale is worrisome, as it would introduce more density, light, and sound.

The impact studies, as they exist now, seem incomplete and don't adequately speak to many of my concerns. As a result, they do not allay my fears that such a project would be in any way beneficial to the area nor the Wonder Valley community, including to the local economy and the natural environment.

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The project needs a complete Environmental Impact Report as per CEQA standards. Anything less does not allow for a comprehensive understanding of the potential benefits and hazards of this project. As a result, I request that the Mitigated Negative Declaration for PROJ-2021-00163 be rejected.

Many thanks for your consideration,

John Talley-Jones
Twentynine Palms/Wonder Valley

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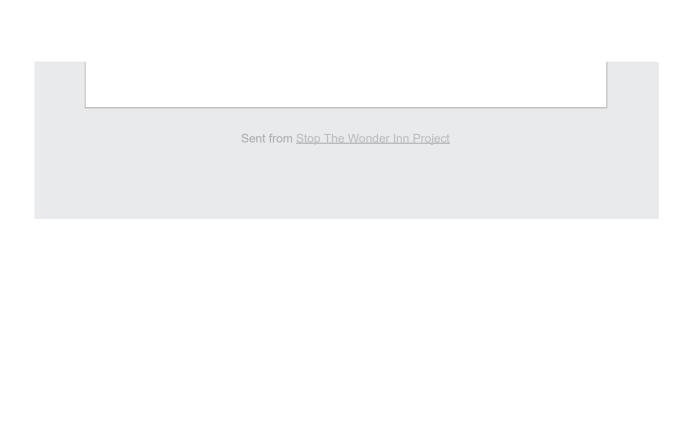
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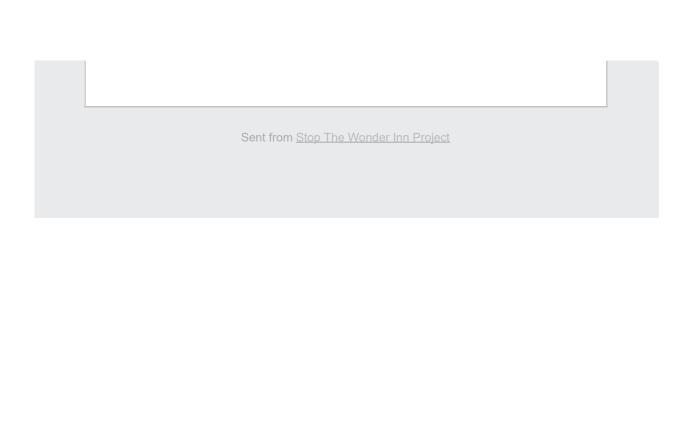
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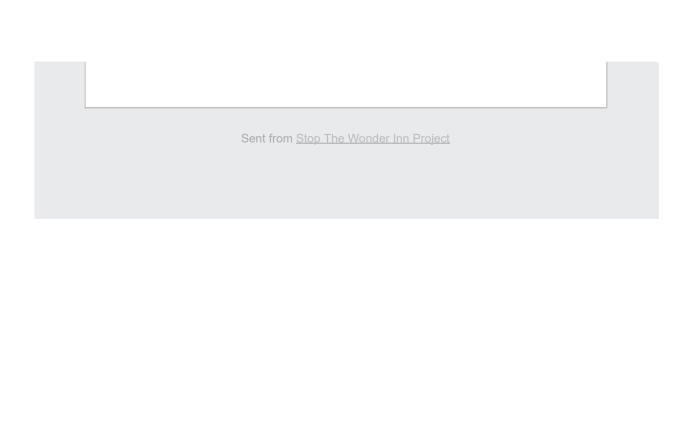
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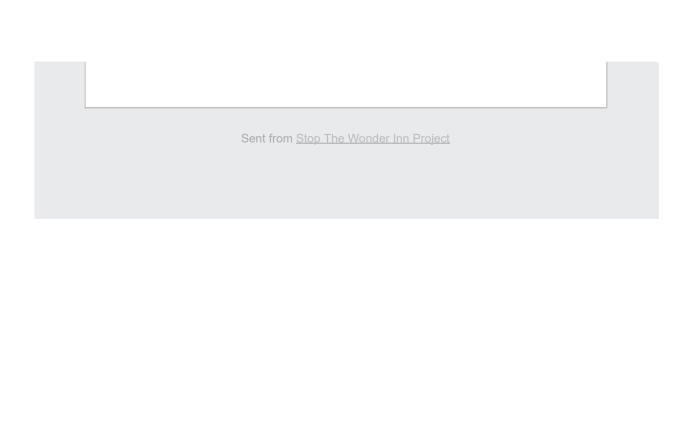
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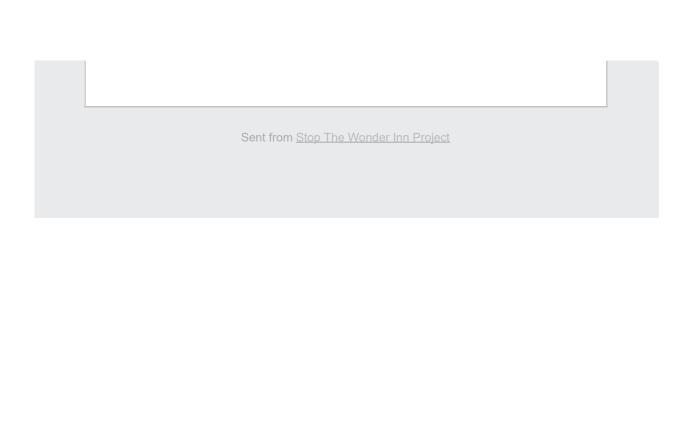
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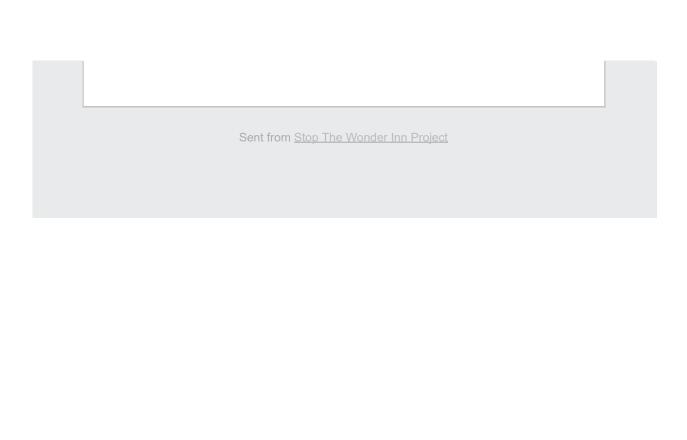
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thank you for your consideration.

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From: Stop The Wonder Inn Project

To: Khan, Azhar

Cc: Supervisor Rowe; Planning Commission Comments; Reyes, Steve

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My grandparents were very active members of this community throughout their lives, originally coming out on weekends and for vacations and eventually retiring here and spending their last decades living in the valley. They were fierce protectors of this place and proud crusaders for the land and the environment and the community, protecting them in every way that they could, through activism and involvement in local politics, taking part in every fight that the people who have been custodians of this place have had to fight throughout the decades to keep it safe from those who would wish to exploit it... and I'm here to tell you that Odell and June would be utterly devastated to know that the "Wonder Inn" project has gotten anywhere near becoming a reality.

This proposed development is the greatest threat and the biggest slap in the face to Wonder Valley and its residents that has ever arisen, and anyone who possesses the kind of love of this land and the type of spirit that it takes to live in this largely unsupported and ignored community will attest to the fact that this is so... make no mistake; these folks are actively seeking to harm us. They are interested only in profiting for themselves, and they have demonstrated very clearly that they DO NOT CARE about how their actions are going to affect the place that they have so carelessly selected to make their attempt. This developer is not only intending to proceed (against the wishes and pleas of the vast majority of the residents of an entire community) with an unrealistic and foolhardy project, but they are also being entirely unethical about the means by which they are proceeding... outright lying, straight to everyone's faces, about the scope of the endeavor, cheating on their environmental studies and slyly covering up historical information about the location to get the proposal fast-tracked, not revealing key information about details of their project that they are well aware will destroy the land, threaten the environment, negatively impact the health of the locals, disturb the peace, irrevocably mar the desolate beauty of the rural location that they are seeking to exploit, and affect the community negatively in SO many ways... these are heartless individuals who have clearly demonstrated the fact that they do not care about how their attempt to change the face of Wonder Valley will drastically affect the lives of the people who live here and negatively impact the very land that they are so smugly claiming to wish to 'improve'

upon. They have been exposed as liars and cheats whose unrealistic (and frankly stupid and unsustainable) project WILL NOT succeed (a fact of which they may already be aware), and it will leave all of us here in Wonder Valley with yet another wrecked and abandoned development, yet another gigantic eyesore, yet another vast chunk of land that will NEVER recover from what was done to it, yet another piece of our history destroyed by outsiders who endeavored to exploit the fact that we do not have adequate representation to receive the protection that we require to keep our own community safe from the forced raping and pillaging of our precious resources.

Obviously, this will not stand.

As someone who fully intends to spend the rest of his days here, as someone who has not only a personal stake in keeping this place safe and beautiful and healthy for his own sake and for the sake of a SEVENTY YEAR family legacy of protection and activism and custodianship of the land, but as a voice for this community and the residents here who so desperately need YOUR help to protect it, I implore you... call upon your better selves and the human decency that I know will guide you in your considerations, and PLEASE HELP US.

Please DO NOT allow these folks to come here and do to this place what we, the families and individuals who make our cherished homes here and who love it so fiercely, have fought so incredibly hard for so very long to protect ourselves from.

As much as we may not enjoy it, we are, to a large degree, at your mercy.

We need someone to have our backs in this time of encroaching danger and possible looming disaster. We need you on our side.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Grey Hill

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https://countywideplan.com/community/east-desert-unincorporated/wonder-valley/

Where is the Hydrological report? How much water is in the aquifer? How many years can it be expected to last with the increased usage? Pools? It is rare to see a pool in WV. We understand that the water here is precious.

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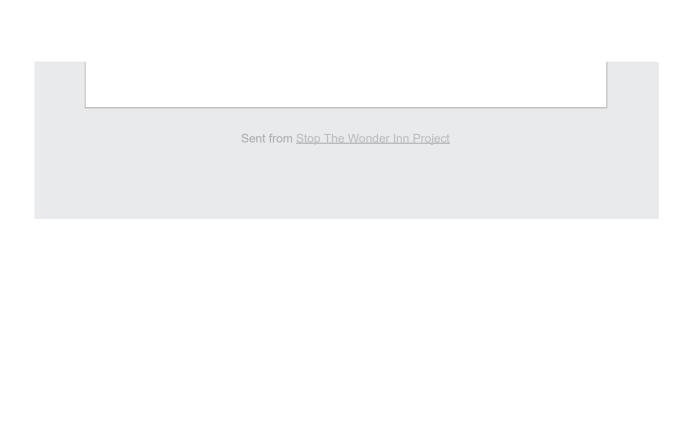
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Additional Comments

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Sent from Stop The Wonder Inn Project

Cc: Supervisor Rowe; Planning Commission Comments; Reyes, Steve

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We, our community, are part of this environment and we call for justice; the Wonder Inn, proposes a private segregated country club that excludes our history and threatens our quality of life, desert animals from their natural habitat, and the last of southern California's dark skies. Because no 24 hour hotel of that scale cannot have lights that have no impact.

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Thank you for your time to this serious matter.

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- 2. For me: As a resident the reason i live in a place so far off the grid is for solitude and quiet. Sanctuary in nature you might say. A resort will affect both of these aspects considerably.

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- Noise: Failure to fully evaluate noise impacts from special events, from increased traffic including off-road vehicle use, and from increased air traffic. Inadequate noise study.
- Public Services: Inadequate evaluation of increased burden on already insufficient services including Fire,
 Paramedic and Sheriff, with potential increased demand of roughly 20%.
- Recreation: No assessment of potential impacts on multiple nearby regional recreational areas with increased visitorship from guests.
- **Transportation:** Failure to fully evaluate increased traffic including

from special events, impacts from advertised off-highway vehicle tours

and guest "exploration" of neighborhood, impacts to Gammel Road between

Amboy Road and Highway 62, hazardous road condition created by rise on Amboy Road in front of property, and inadequate details on road modifications.

A complete well-prepared EIR is required to fully address these significant concerns. (Note, there are additional issues not listed here that also deserve complete study.) Short of preparation of this requested EIR, it is impossible to fully weigh the potential impacts to the region.

Therefore, I request that the Mitigated Negative Declaration for PROJ-2021-00163 be rejected as inadequate to address the concerns above and that a thorough and complete, certified Environmental Impact Report per the requirements of CEQA to fully address significant adverse environmental impacts be performed.

| Thank you. | | |
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