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Comments: I was very impressed with the depth and consideration for the impact of invasive species as well as the discussion on fragile cryptobiotic crusts. However, one concern that I had was the somewhat vague wording regarding damage or adverse effects to endemic species. Since endemic species are so highly specialized and adapted to their environment, and even microclimate, they are all the more fragile to change. In consideration to this, the one mention of endemic species in the DEIS only specifies that adverse impacts are permitted if the populations are not destroyed. The current DEIS seems to imply that as long as the temporary and immediate impacts do not destroy the population, they will be permitted. Consequently, I believe that this be remediated to include further protection of endemic species, since disturbances that do not destroy a population could have detrimental and long- lasting effects resulting in the population being unable to recover from other potential impacts, particularly unintended ones.