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Hi Dean,

I'm providing the following brief comment in response to the 2023 MRRD small project scoping notice regarding 2023 Developed Recreation Site Improvements. The scoping document describes the installation of two solar-power light poles at the parking area and trailhead to Terwilliger/Cougar Hot Springs. The district plans to replace a defunct light pole and add one more.

While we support efforts to increase safety and security in the parking lot area, we encourage the agency to ensure impacts of light pollution on humans and wildlife in the area are minimized as much as possible. Many of our members recreate in the area and enjoy the ability to stargaze amidst dark night skies. Further, artificial lights at nighttime can negatively impact both migratory birds and nearby nocturnal species, interfering with their sleeping, breeding, hunting activities, etc. At a minimum, the agency should ensure the lights used are bird-friendly, low-glare fixtures and are hooded so that light is narrowly directed down toward the parking lot versus scattered more broadly.

Thank you for considering this comment and please let me know of any questions.

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