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SSFL is among the most important cultural sites in California. Preserved behind fences of federal secrecy, this was a cultural center for multiple local tribes including Chumash, Tongva, Tatavian peoples, and I strongly support designation as a TCP. The biggest obstacle to proper cleanup is not this designation. It is the failure to hold Boeing and DOE accountable to remove the nuclear inventory resulting in an unregulated nuclear landfill. This regulatory failure to compel removal of the most highly radioactive contamination at the site, RMHF—the radioactive materials handling facility is deeply troubling.

Saturday's Daily News article referencing this meeting, where MY photograph of the Burro Flats Cave was used in the article without my permission or credit, was frustrating. Similar works of mine have been used both by the CalEPA Secretary, Joel Grover, NBC, and now here. This photograph perfectly depicts the historical importance that can only be protected through governmental designation of that significance. To me, this photograph is not just the most important photograph I have ever taken—it depicts the thousands of years of culture where, what is now known as the SSFL, was culturally important to many tribes. There are layers of paintings on this photograph, that some say may have been separated by centuries. A northern hemispheric "comet" is depicted in the ceiling of the cave telling us what they saw. To me, TCP is an important mechanism to protect that cultural significance for the future.

Thank you for your consideration.
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