Thank you for your comment, Omer Holcomb.

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## Comment Submitted:

I am concerned about putting solar panels on the land in Otero County New Mexico just south of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

1. This is not a wasteland it is an extensive grass covered semi arid desert.

2. These grasslands are home to numerous colonies of burrowing owls. (I have seen them myself.)

Competition for water is intense already. Water to wash solar panels is extremely limited already without an increased demand.
The red sand deserts of mesquite covered dunes are located further south. The proposed area is a grassland. Someone did not do their homework.