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I believe that solar development should be treated just like agriculture. We need to support large scale agribusiness as well as small scale family, community (CSA) farms. We need to encourage large scale solar development as well as small scale solar generation on every possible rooftop and home.

BUT, we need to be very careful where we site large scale agribusiness as well as where we site large scale solar energy generators. Utilizing public lands for solar generation is not a good choice.

As an individual who utilizes passive solar collectors on my home, I do not have to be convinced of the viability of small scale solar utilization. I do not believe that the power distribution companies have really explored the possibility and necessity of generating power closer to its point of use. Transporting power over long distances only serves to reduce the net gain of KWH. Ideally solar generators need to be sited closer to the cities, where the production can be maximized.

The Solar Rewards Rebate Program that was instituted in the state of Colorado was a joke. Why was it so? Because it is not in the best financial interest of the power companies to have too much power being generated by the users, because that would cut into their profit. I would be the first to install one on my property if it would even come close to being cost effective. If the Solar Rewards Program was adequately funded instead with the millions of dollars that are earmarked to be squandered on hundreds of miles of high voltage lines, and the cost of acquiring lands for right-of-way, maybe we could get more of the population behind a real grassroots interest in satisfying and generating more of our energy needs right in our own communities.

Lets not "pave paradise and put up a parking lot". There is plenty of private land to use for solar generation. Don't use our public lands for that, or we will never get them back. Public lands are sacred.