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Nevada Farm Bureau wishes to present our comments regarding the proposed programmatic process that is being considered for solar power generation and the placement of those facilities on lands managed by the federal government. We are strong advocates of multiple use of federal managed lands and especially are concerned with the perceived ramification that livestock grazing operations may be displaced because of the placements of a solar energy facility. We wish to have some level of explanation presented on the nature of how locations of solar power generation facilities impact other multiple uses on specific pieces of lands. Does the placement of a solar power generation facility on a particular piece of property restrict or limit the other uses which rely on that property?

If this placement is linked to exclusion of all other uses, please identify the mitigation or other actions which provide compensation or offsets for the loss.

We would hope that there would be further details provided on the specifics of how much property is required, as well as additional site specific ramifications associated with citing a facility on a determined location. This needs to include the criteria used in determining the exact location, relative to a different site that might be located in the same general location. Are there specific considerations which determine putting the facility on one side of a line or another?

How do existing land use management plans fit into the context of this programmatic consideration and process? Are there decisions to be made in the context of this Environmental Impact Statement process which would override other decisions on the specific merits of alternative locations? Does this programmatic process drive future decisions in manner which supersedes alternatives?

How will the evaluation process from a programmatic point of view, deal with site-specific considerations such as unique plant communities, resource conditions or other multiple uses? What is the size or land area requirements associated with locating a solar generation facility?

Please also include us on your list of involved participants, providing us with the ability to participate in the on-going process of the programmatic EIS as well as any and all specific location processes.

Sincerely,

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