

Thank you for your comment, Kelly Manning.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11000.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 20:27:18PM
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Comment ID: SolarD11000

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Comment Submitted:

In our efforts to expand Renewable energy, we must consider the impact on the Earth that is the reason for using it in the first place. We must protect our Wildlife and National Parks like Joshua Tree and White Sands and not damage their precious Eco systems or beautiful vistas which make them important parts of our National heritage. Please discuss future development and land use with the National Parks Service so we can make this work for all.

Thank you for your comment, Kenneth Mundy.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11001.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 20:29:40PM
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Comment Submitted:

I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Vivian Valtri Burgess.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11002.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 20:30:54PM
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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, angela fazzari.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11003.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 20:31:13PM
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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage. Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

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Thank you for taking the time to speak up for responsible solar development that protects our national parks. Your action today will help make a difference!

Sincerely

Thank you for your comment

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Thank you for your comment, Sharon Pate.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11005.

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--Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

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Thank you for taking the time to speak up for responsible solar development that protects our national parks. Your action today will help make a difference!

Sincerely,

Sharon Pate

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11006.

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Comment Submitted:

Let us be smart about this. Only use solar in the most viable areas and with the least impact to the delicate environment. That is the purpose after all, conserving our environment and resources.

Thank you for your comment, Deborah Ebersold.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11007.

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Comment Submitted:

I urge finding other sites for implementing solar facility sites that ecology friendly.
I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

Thank you for your comment, Christine Walturz.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11008.

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Comment Submitted:

As our country moves to develop renewable energy projects that will help us end our reliance on foreign oil, buffer us from climate change, and promote national security, we have an opportunity to ensure that solar facilities are installed responsibly without harming our national parks.

The federal government has initiated an environmental review to identify where solar development should occur on public lands in California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado.

But there's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

Thank you for your comment, Mark Lewis.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11009.

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Comment Submitted:

I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

However, there are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

- * The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
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Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Jon Levin.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11010.

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Thank you for your comment, Constance Garcia-Barrio.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11011.

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy can help diminish a ruinous dependence on fossil fuels.

Thank you for your comment, Jennifer Griffith.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11012.

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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Thank you for your comment, Mike VanLandingham.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11013.

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Thank you for your comment, Kristin Womack.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11014.

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Thank you for taking the time to speak up for responsible solar development that protects our national parks. Your action today will help make a difference!

Sincerely,
Kristin Womack

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11015.

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Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11016.

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Thank you for your comment, Joyce Stowe-Longchamp.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11017.

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy is the way to go There is no fall-out into the environment from this method of energy.

Thank you for your comment, Jetta Hurst.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11018.

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy is the best form of power we have available at this time and should be used when ever possible.

Thank you for your comment, Karen Kissling.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11019.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 20:53:33PM
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Comment ID: SolarD11019

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Once amended, I would support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

But there are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks:

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With that in mind, I strongly feel that any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. It is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you for your comment, Carolyn Riddle.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11020.

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Comment Submitted:

The development of solar and other alternative energy sources is the best long-term solution to gas and oil importation and drilling and the dangers of nuclear energy. We must take care, however, to protect our wild places and the animals that live there by careful placement of installations. Thank you for your commitment to our parks and wildlife.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11021.

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Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Thank you for your comment, Lawrence Todryk.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11022.

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I support the development of applicatoins of solar energy in our parks.

Thank you for your comment, Jetta Hurst.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11023.

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Comment Submitted:

Solar should only be used in National parks if it does not harm wildlife or take away from the beauty of the park.

Thank you for your comment, Ellen Ross.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11024.

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Comment ID: SolarD11024

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1. National Economics:

Given the current state of the national debt and the economy, embarking on projects that will require substantial government subsidies and on-going tax breaks/credits is the height of folly. A better plan is to use distributive solar projects, installed on existing residential and commercial rooftops and parking garages. This would allow the impacted communities to receive direct benefit from the projects, rather than seeing the electricity generated in our home states shipped off to California.

2. Negative Impact on Local Economies (Part 1):

Not all of the public lands being considered for use by industrial-sized energy projects are in remote areas. Some of the projects will be within sight-and-sound of residential communities. This situation has a negative effect on private property values. Given the already dramatically depressed real estate market in most Southwestern states, driving land prices even further down would be catastrophic for the individual landowners.

3. Negative Impact on Local Economies (Part 2):

The construction of industrial solar projects will have a negative visual impact on the surrounding area. The Southwestern United States is heavily dependent upon tourism for its economic well-being. Our deserts are popular with hikers, campers, off-roaders, and others who come here to enjoy the pristine desert landscape. Destroying a major source of local revenue would tremendously increase the damage already done to our local economies by the national economic crisis.

4. Negative Visual Impact:

Our pristine deserts are unlike those found anywhere else in the world, and draw hikers, photographers, and other nature-lovers to visit every year. Construction of industrial-sized solar projects will destroy the very landscape these people travel to the Southwest to visit.

5. Environmentally-Sensitive Areas:

Many of the areas being considered by the BLM for these large-scale solar projects are Areas of Environmental Concern. Contrary to popular belief, the deserts of the Southwestern United States are NOT wastelands. A large variety of plants and animals (including endangered species) live in these areas. The negative impact of large-scale construction, as well as industrial solar panels, on these sensitive habitats

Thank you for your comment, Mark Waltzer.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11025.

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Thank you for your comment, Carole Bard.

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Thank you for your comment, Jerry Button.

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Thank you for your comment, Erica McMahon.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11028.

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Thank you for being responsible regarding solar development that protects our national parks.

Thank you for your comment, Brian von Dedenroth.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11029.

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If we don't learn from history we're doomed to repeat it. Although pursuing solar is an excellent idea, I'm of the opinion that instead of pursuing it on an industrial scale in remote areas that take up vast resources and transporting it large distances that take up more resources and require loans from private land holders is mis-guided. Instead, I would prefer to see solar distributed on a wide scale on our already massive human footprint. Place it on as many residential and commercial buildings as possible. If a building can create more energy than it needs, credit the owners and transport it to nearby building that cannot. Augment this with a localized smart grid, better storage capacity, smaller scale systems within or immediately on the outskirts of developed areas and adjacent to freeways. If this is not feasible, then solar production should still be adjacent to populated areas and developed infrastructures taking up as few resources in land as possible. It should by no means be placed in areas near national parks, undeveloped wild lands or private or government lands which sustain a great deal of wildlife and could be converted to wilderness, national, state or regional parks. Pursue solar by all means but don't create it in one area and distribute it widely from there as we've done with coal, nuclear, hydro-electric and other current forms of power generation. Place it in areas close to people and in land that has already been scarred by previous exploitation like gas, oil nuclear, etc...

Thank you for your comment, wendy colschen.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11030.

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Comment Submitted:

All for solar but think you can do it without ruining some of the most beautiful places on earth don't you? Please try to re-arrange your plans to protect Joshua Tree National Parks wilderness and wildlife.

Iron Mountain SEZ needs to be removed.

The Amargosa Valley sez should be downsized to reduce impact.

Red Dands sez impacts water resources .

Thank you for your comment, Bruce Jackson.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11031.

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There is a right way to implement solar energy development in America on public land. It should be developed only in solar energy zones that do NOT compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

Once it is amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

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Thank you for your comment, Amanda Scuder.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11032.

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Thank you for your comment, Siddharth Mehrotra.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11033.

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Comment Submitted:

Solar power, windfarming, and hydroelectrics were invented so that destruction of wild lands is prohibited. It is therefore unconscionable that wild lands and public lands are overwhelmed by the placement of industrial-scale national projects meant to obtain electricity from these or any sources. Therefore I ask that all solar panels be placed in urban areas, close to their clients; that all windfarms be placed also in urban areas, as on the sides of buildings; and that hydroelectric turbines be installed in the municipal water-supplies of cities. By these devices, you will prevent wildlands' destruction and bring about a steady source of energy as well.

Thank you for your comment, Walter Kneibert.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11034.

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Comment Submitted:

For a cleaner and healthier world we need to shut down the big oil and coal polutters. By promoting solar and wind power , our children will have a brighter future .

Thank you for your comment, Catherine Houle.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11035.

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Thank you for your comment, Bonnie Breckenridge.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11036.

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Comment Submitted:

I whole-heartedly support our nation's transition to solar energy, although, as with any energy system, its impact on local ecology must be studied and taken into consideration.

Thank you for your comment, Nancy Schuhrke.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11037.

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Thank you for your comment, Richard Spotts.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11038.

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Comment Submitted:

I appreciate this opportunity to submit my comments on the Solar Energy Development Draft PEIS.

I support and urge BLM to adopt the solar energy zones alternative. I believe that the specific solar zones identified in this alternative are the most appropriate and timely places to locate new solar facilities on BLM administered lands. I do not support the alternative that adds millions of acres of additional BLM lands for potential solar development as these lands are likely to pose much greater conflicts in terms of natural and cultural resources. If the solar zones alternative is adopted and fully implemented, and there is a subsequent demonstrated need for additional BLM lands, then such additional lands should be subject to site-specific NEPA evaluation. It is premature to include them now, both due to the absence of site-specific analysis, and due to the absence of a strong demonstrated need at this time.

However, even within this solar energy zones alternative that I generally support, there is a need for some revisions.

In particular, there are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that may threaten some of our national parks.

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In addition, any proposed solar projects to be sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Moreover, BLM should include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as potential high conflict areas for industrial solar development. Further consideration of these sites at this time would seem to invite conflict and controversy, and there should be more than enough suitable lands elsewhere.

In summary, please be "smart from the start" in determining where solar energy development is appropriate and necessary, versus where it is not.

Thank you very much for considering my comments.

Thank you for your comment

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Thank you for your comment, Bo Baggs.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11040.

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Comment Submitted:

Solar is practical, cheap and reliable. Here in the Sun Belt, we ought to be taking the lead in developing solar technology!

Thank you for your comment, fred powell.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11041.

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We have been kow-towing to big business for generations. It is time to stop.

Thank you for your comment, dave councilman.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11042.

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy is good and important, but it must be done safely for people and wildlife and in appropriate areas only.

Thank you for your comment, Debbie Horan.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11043.

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Comment Submitted:

The US needs to be a leader in developing solar power. We can do this. we need to do this. Thank you

Thank you for your comment, Janet Robinson.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11044.

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Comment Submitted:

I think solar development on public lands is a good idea; we need to develop alternative sources of energy. However, it is not a good idea if the construction and operation threatens a national park or refuge such that it will undermine the purpose of the park. The impacts the ecosystem, wildlife, and human enjoyment must be studied before any work begins.

I understand several proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) have been identified and I see potential problems with 4 of them that threaten our national parks.

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Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Jennifer Kauffman.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11045.

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Comment Submitted:

I am writing to support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

However, the proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks need to be modified.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Kauffman

Thank you for your comment, Anton McInerney.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11046.

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Comment Submitted:

The failure at Fukushima shows how vulnerable our entire civilization is using only central power sources without the backup and continuum of all integrated tech systems.

Thank you for your comment, Noel & Meghan Parenti.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11047.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:32:06PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11047

First Name: Noel & Meghan
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State: NC
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Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

--Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for taking the time to speak up for responsible solar development that protects our national parks. Your action today will help make a difference!

Sincerely,
Meghan Prior

Thank you for your comment, Dorothy Hanes.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11048.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:33:26PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11048

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Middle Initial: T
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State: OR
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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

Solar energy should be a wholistic option to take care of everyone, everything, and every animal and plant.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Thank you for your comment, Charlotte Stahl.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11049.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:34:24PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11049

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Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

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--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for helping to make responsible solar development that protects our national parks. Your action will help make a difference!

Sincerely,
Charlotte

Thank you for your comment, Linda Jacob.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11050.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:37:03PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11050

First Name: Linda
Middle Initial: L
Last Name: Jacob
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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy is way overdue.

Thank you for your comment, Norm Stanley.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11051.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:38:43PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11051

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Middle Initial:
Last Name: Stanley
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State: CA
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Comment Submitted:

We need to get smarter concerning our energy policy

Thank you for your comment, Dawn Kosec.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11052.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:39:25PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11052

First Name: Dawn
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Kosec
Organization:
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Address 2:
Address 3:
City: Austintown
State: OH
Zip: 44515
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Comment Submitted:

--Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

- The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
- The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.
- The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar developme

Thank you for your comment, Louis McCarten.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11053.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:39:37PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11053

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Middle Initial: A
Last Name: McCarten
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Address 2:
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City: Glendale
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Comment Submitted:

There must be a million places in the United States where such a development would not pose a problem. But in a place of unique ecological and cultural value like Death Valley National Park, massive solar power development will be a problem. Conservation areas are designated for conservation purposes and that is what the people who fund them want.

Thank you for your comment, Joseph Kohn MD.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11054.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:39:58PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11054

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Last Name: Kohn MD
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City: Brooklyn
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Comment Submitted:

Please support solar energy development only within appropriately sited Solar Energy Zones that do not harm our national parks.

www.WeAreOne.cc

Thank you for your comment, Patricia Gallo.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11055.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:43:03PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11055

First Name: Patricia
Middle Initial: L
Last Name: Gallo
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State: AZ
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Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

don't compromise the parks

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11056.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:43:35PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11056

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Comment Submitted:

I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative. By concentrating solar development within parcels of land, needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology would be avoided.

Four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) would threaten our national parks.

- * The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
- * The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.
- * The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- * Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Yee Yean Lim.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11057.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:44:56PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11057

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Middle Initial:
Last Name: Lim
Organization:
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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

1. The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
2. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.
3. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
4. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

Also, any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you.

Thank you for your comment, Sharon Peralta.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11058.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:47:28PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11058

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Last Name: Peralta
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City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

I believe that we must develop renewable power sources, but development must be driven by sound science and common sense regarding impact and risk. It is feasible that renewable energy can co-exist with environment and species preservation if done right.

Thank you for your comment, Kathy Koloze.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11059.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:48:36PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11059

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Comment Submitted:

--Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

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--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Sally REhberger.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11060.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:54:03PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11060

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Comment Submitted:

An educated people use common sense when it comes to achieving a goal. Please show that we Americans are thinking people who don't sacrifice our wild places when a little thought and planning can reap great benefits while preserving our national park sanctuaries. I don't feel I should even be needing to write this, but apparently it is necessary.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11061.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:57:47PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11061

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11062.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 21:59:32PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11062

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Comment Submitted:

Please support solar energy development only within appropriately sited Solar Energy Zones that do not harm our national parks.

Once amended, I support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

- * The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
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- * Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for taking the time to make responsible solar development that protects our national parks. Your action today will help make a difference!

Thank you for your comment, Jim Leske.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11063.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:00:01PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11063

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Middle Initial: C
Last Name: Leske
Organization: Good dogs are trained
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Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

Going green is a good thing !

Thank you for your comment, Trish Trejo.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11064.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:00:37PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11064

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Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

While I am an advocate of alternative energy and I believe that solar energy should be fully explored as one of those alternatives, I believe we must be careful of the impact that solar development will have on wilderness and wildlife areas.

For example, the Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The three diverse ecosystems of this park preserve unique plant and animal life whose balance could be upset by solar development.

The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed, also to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. In addition, the Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands, home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish and other rare amphibians.

Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

Please consider these comments as you make your decision.

Thank you for your comment, Brice Grunert.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11065.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:00:44PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11065

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Comment Submitted:

Once amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology. There are four proposed SEZ's that threaten our national parks, the Riverside East SEZ, Iron Mountain SEZ, Amargosa Valley SEZ, and Red Sands SEZ. Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should be consulted with the National park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Thank you for your comment, Kathleen Simmons.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11066.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:00:58PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11066

First Name: Kathleen
Middle Initial: V
Last Name: Simmons
Organization:
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City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

I believe that solar energy is one of the best options to rid our dependence on any kind of oil, foreign or domestic.
We know that solar energy is not cheap, but once it is up and running it will pay for itself in time.
I believe that solar panels should not interfere with National Parks or the animals that inhabit them. These parks should be able to offer input into where solar should be installed.
With co-operation among different groups, solar energy will be a great asset.

Thank you for your comment, linda petrulias.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11067.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:03:20PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11067

First Name: linda
Middle Initial: r
Last Name: petrulias
Organization:
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City: cazadero
State: CA
Zip: 95421
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

I strongly support solar energy. however solar energy should be developed only in zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, water resources, night sky viewing, archeological sites. thank you.

Thank you for your comment, Steve Kuehler.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11068.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:03:26PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11068

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State: TX
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Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

we need clean energy

Thank you for your comment, Mercedes Lackey.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11069.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:04:24PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11069

First Name: Mercedes
Middle Initial: R
Last Name: Lackey
Organization:
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City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

- * The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
- * The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.
- * The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- * Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, James Spotts.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11070.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:04:54PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11070

First Name: James
Middle Initial: R
Last Name: Spotts
Organization:
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Zip: 91024
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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in identified solar energy zones that do not compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing and the opportunity for present and future generations to enjoy. I do support carefully sited Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that do not threaten fragile desert environment or our national parks and monuments.

I am, therefore, opposed to the following SEZ as currently configured:

1. The Riverside East SEZ
2. The Iron Mountain SEZ
3. The Amargosa Valley SEZ
4. The Red Sands SEZ

Thank you for your comment, Michael Evans.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11071.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:05:34PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11071

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Last Name: Evans
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City: Los Angeles
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Comment Submitted:

--Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

- * The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
- * The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.
- * The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- * Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Brenda Hixenbaugh.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11072.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:06:35PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11072

First Name: Brenda
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Last Name: Hixenbaugh
Organization: Private Citizen
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Comment Submitted:

With all due respect I write to express my views on the utilization of solar. My views on this are Pro and I can hardly wait until we can once and for all rid our lands of the hideous oil and coal use. We are starting out on a new and bright adventure and I hope that it will start, with the care of our lands, animals, plant life, and waters. Something that the oil, coal, and mining industry decided, was inconsequential. With that said, it is with the greatest hope, for this world's future it's survival, that the welfare of all, will be placed foremost in all decisions. Thank you so much.

Thank you for your comment, B Vila.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11073.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:07:01PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11073

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Comment Submitted:

While I support the development of solar energy, I firmly believe it should only be developed in areas that don't compromise wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage. For these reasons, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Currently, there are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks:

- The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
- The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.
- The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

Once amended, I will strongly support a Solar Energy Zone alternative that concentrates solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11074.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:07:10PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11074

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--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Richard Newhouse.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11075.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:07:51PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11075

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--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, sara shaw.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11076.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:07:54PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Comment Submitted:

I believe that the time is now to invest in CLEAN renewable energy sources such as solar. But the proper use of lands for these purposes should be sought out. We only have a few remaining tracts of public lands. We have plenty of disturbed, brown sites that could be better fit for the use of solar panels. Close in proximity to urban centers, and therefore cheaper to build and maintain. We need public lands to shelter endangered plants and animals, not improper placement of solar panels

Thank you for your comment, Natalie Hall.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11077.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:08:35PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11077

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Comment Submitted:

There's a right way and a wrong way to embark on solar energy. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage. Thanks.

Thank you for your comment, Margalo Ashley-Farrand.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11078.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:13:44PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11078

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Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

It is very important for the parks' future to have solar power, but installed carefully so that no harm is done in the installation.

Thank you for your comment, Theresa Rieve.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11079.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:13:49PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11079

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Comment Submitted:

Solar Energy Production is critical if we are to become Energy Independent and keep ourselves safe from pollution and other dangers of fossil fuel and nuclear production. However, it is also important to site solar collectors in places where they will not impact wildlife and will not destroy our most scenic areas. In fact, the best place for solar is on EVERY city roof, and the best way to provide it is to take the subsidies that are now going to nuclear and to fossil fuels, and re-route them to individuals and small businesses. Subsidizing small producers is the path both to energy independence and to cleaner air and water.

Thank you for your comment, Paul Sinacore.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11080.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:14:34PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11080

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Comment Submitted:

The time is now...

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11081.

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Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11081

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Comment Submitted:

The Brightsource Ivanpah Solar Project has already negatively affected wildlife, plants and the habitat. BLM approved the project footprint, in Desert Tortoise habitat where a good number of Desert Tortoises have been found. Also the project has affected some sensitive plant species. Why was this allowed on our public lands?

Thank you for your comment, Rita McCabe.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11082.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:17:18PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11082

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Comment Submitted:

We treasure our National Parks not only for their biodiversity but also for their breath-taking beauty. While solar energy is both healthy for the environment and economically preferable to carbon based energy for the future of our energy independence, those places chosen for its placement should not be sites that mar our parks' vistas nor further endanger those species already under threat of extinction.

Thank you for your comment, Judi Trecartin.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11083.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:20:57PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11083

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Comment Submitted:

We need more solar now.....

Thank you for your comment, Bernadette Payne.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11084.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:22:37PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11084

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Comment Submitted:

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--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Andrew Jones.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11085.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:23:38PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11085

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Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Sarah Johnson.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11086.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:26:51PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11086

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Comment Submitted:

I strongly support the development of solar power in a responsible thoughtful manner. Once amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology. In addition it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development. Thank you.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11087.

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Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11088.

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Comment Submitted:

I have been aware of global warming for some 25 years. No more oil drilling especially in any ocean area. No more nuclear plants, all must change. Why is no one speaking of geothermal energy, its clean and it exists, it only must be captured. We must have more commuter trains, and start eliminating all gasoline driven cars off the production lines. Also all of the increasing of freeways certainly does not help matters, only invites more trucks and cars. We must bring back freight trains, go backwards if need be. How about dirt roads parallel to big roads for riding horses. Horse back rider considerations have been eliminated from society, its time to bring back the dirt roads. Call me crazy, but that is what is needed.

Thank you for your comment, Nancy Smith.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11089.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:31:39PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11089

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Comment Submitted:

TAKE,ACTION

Thank you for your comment, Susan Pacey-Field.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11090.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:33:36PM

Solar Energy Development PEIS

Comment ID: SolarD11090

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Comment Submitted:

We need more alternative energy sources

Thank you for your comment, Johann Hollar.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11091.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:36:05PM
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Comment ID: SolarD11091

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Comment Submitted:

Save the environment.

Thank you for your comment, dawn odonnell.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11092.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:36:49PM
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Comment ID: SolarD11092

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Comment Submitted:

Stop being dinosaurs and let the fossil fuel craving far into the tar pits where it belongs. We need clean energy, the real thing, not the so called clean coal or very scary nukes and natural FRACKING gas!

Thank you for your comment, karen wible.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11093.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:36:50PM
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Comment Submitted:

The USA must use renewable energy to ensure the end of our reliance on foreign oil, buffer us from climate change. We need to also ensure solar facilities are installed responsibly without harming our national parks!

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage

Thank you for your comment, James Button.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11094.

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Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Comment Submitted:

The federal government has initiated an environmental review to identify where solar development should occur on public lands in California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado.

But there's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

--Once amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

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Thank you for your comment, Barbara Diederichs.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11095.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:38:13PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11095

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy is important, however, it should not be developed destroying natural resources. The roofs of homes and businesses are the first place that should be developed with solar collectors, only then can natural areas be sacrificed.
Thank you for your consideration!

Thank you for your comment, Todd Cisna.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11096.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:39:50PM
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Thank you for your comment, jeff levitt.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11097.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:40:31PM
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Comment Submitted:

Keep our parks for the people to enjoy, not as a place to conduct solar energy experiments. We go to the parks to get away from industrial encroachments on our land.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11098.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:42:30PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11098

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Comment Submitted:

Dear Mr. Abbey and Mr. Salazar,
I really appreciate the opportunity to add to the dialogue regarding solar energy. First and foremost, I encourage you to work with the Department of Energy, President Obama, and federal legislators to develop a sensible national energy policy that prioritizes rooftop solar development through feed-in tariffs and meaningful tax benefits for businesses and individuals. Regarding the Solar PEIS, I have the following recommendations:

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- * Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument, and should be reconsidered.

----Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Our National Parks are special places that we hold in trust for future generations, and I urge you to consider them as you work to establish the BLM's policy for solar energy development on the public lands that we all own.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Michael Cipra

Thank you for your comment, William Modesitt.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11099.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:44:23PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Thank you for your comment, Russell Weisz.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11100.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:44:26PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11100

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State: CA
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Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for taking the time to speak up for responsible solar development that protects our national parks. Your action today will help make a difference!

Sincerely,
Russell Weisz

Thank you for your comment, Linda Gazzola.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11101.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:45:25PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11101

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Organization:
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State: NY
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Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you for your comment, Angie Affolter.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11102.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:49:31PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11102

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Last Name: Affolter
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Thank you for your comment, Mark Bartleman.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11103.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:50:15PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11103

First Name: Mark
Middle Initial: R
Last Name: Bartleman
Organization:
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City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

I support the amended Solar Energy Zone alternative that concentrates solar development within parcels of land that avoid future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

The proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks include:

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Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

And it is imperative the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you.

Thank you for your comment, Brad Kraus.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11104.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:51:15PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11104

First Name: Brad
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Kraus
Organization:
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City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

Renewable energy is necessary for our country to release itself from the grip of petroleum and other fossil fuels. However, it needs to be done in a thoughtful, ecologic way that does not do harm to the natural habitats where it might be placed. Please do not make alternative energy as bad as our current energy suppliers regarding the environment. Thank you.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11105.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:51:47PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11105

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Comment Submitted:

A careful environmental impact study would be necessary not to disturb many preserved habitats. This is why we must use caution when attempting any building on public national park land.

Thank you for your comment, David Fouche.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11106.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:52:14PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11106

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Last Name: Fouche
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Address 3:
City: Winston-Salem
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Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

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We can all work together for a more healthy and responsible future for energy development.

Thank you for your comment, Patricia Orlinski.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11107.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:52:49PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11107

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Middle Initial:
Last Name: Orlinski
Organization: Valley Interfaith Project
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City: Sun City
State: AZ
Zip: 853512246
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

As our country moves to develop renewable energy projects that will help us end our reliance on foreign oil, buffer us from climate change, and promote national security, we have an opportunity to ensure that solar facilities are installed responsibly without harming our national parks. But there's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11108.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:53:33PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11108

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City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
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Country: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

Putting solar on our roof was the best thing we have ever done. Our only regret is not having put more panels on our roof. With the ongoing reality of climate change and global warming, it is only obvious that solar energy is the solution to our energy, pollution and even safety problems. We urge the powers that be to quickly implement laws mandating the use of solar energy by all: homeowners, schools, businesses, churches, and all other buildings.

Thank you for your comment, James Seibert.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11109.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:54:27PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11109

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Middle Initial: S
Last Name: Seibert
Organization:
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City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

I strongly support the expansion of solar energy to as many homes and businesses as possible as resource are available.

James Seibert

Thank you for your comment, George Hassinger.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11110.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:58:15PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11110

First Name: George
Middle Initial: T
Last Name: Hassinger
Organization:
Address: 615 Hamilton IANE
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: Santa Clara
State: CA
Zip: 95051
Country: USA
Privacy Preference: Don't withhold name or address from public record
Attachment:

Comment Submitted:

Before the parks are invaded with solar panels anywhere, these devices should be installed at ALL of the grocery store parking lots, to provide shade from the sun & rain, to take the place of the trees which are never allowed to provide any, due to being cut back for the prevention of falling debris, leaves & branches, which would provide shade as originally planned but are not allowed to grow out, for fear of law suits and such. There is such an array installed at a bus depot, in San Jose, and is QUITE effective! This would ALSO stop the heat-reflection from the parking lot blacktops, making the atmosphere more sweltering during the summer months!

Thank you for your comment, Jasmine Humes.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11111.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 22:58:52PM

Solar Energy Development PEIS

Comment ID: SolarD11111

First Name: Jasmine

Middle Initial: M

Last Name: Humes

Organization:

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Comment Submitted:

Please support solar energy! Its the way to a better, cleaner enviroment.

Thank you for your comment, Carla Rautenberg.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11112.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:01:32PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11112

First Name: Carla
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Last Name: Rautenberg
Organization:
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Comment Submitted:

As an American, I strongly support the development of renewable and sustainable energy resources such as Solar and Wind.

As an American, I must also defend the fragile ecology of our precious National Parks.

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Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

I agree that any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Michael Johnson.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11113.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:02:36PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11113

First Name: Michael
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Johnson
Organization:
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Comment Submitted:

We need you to support Solar Energy

Thank you for your comment, George Hassinger.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11114.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:02:42PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11114

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Thank you for your comment, Frank Hamrick.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11115.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:03:37PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11115

First Name: Frank
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Hamrick
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Comment Submitted:

I want to see solar energy become a larger contributor to our energy grid.

Thank you for your comment, Beth Braun.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11116.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:05:15PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11116

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Organization:
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State: IL
Zip: 60640
Country: USA
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Thank you for your comment, Lyhn Barnes.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11117.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:08:28PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11117

First Name: Lyhn
Middle Initial: A
Last Name: Barnes
Organization:
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Comment Submitted:

It's a shame greed and laziness rule most peoples lives.

Thank you for your comment, Sandy Draus.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11118.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:09:01PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11118

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Last Name: Draus
Organization:
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City: Phoenix
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Thank you for your comment, Brenda Tucker.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11119.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:09:09PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11119

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Last Name: Tucker
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Address 2:
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City: Southfield
State: MI
Zip: 480753890
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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11120.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:12:32PM
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Thank you.

Thank you for your comment, John Rash.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11121.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:13:20PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11121

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Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

no further comment

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11122.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:15:09PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11122

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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, Constance Rogers.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11123.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:16:37PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11123

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Comment Submitted:

Please protect our National Parks! We need solar energy, but it should be implemented in a way that does not intrude on the habitat of our beloved National parks.

Thank you for your comment, dogan ozkan.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11124.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:17:18PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11124

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City: coldfoot
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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, John Teevan.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11125.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:17:37PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11125

First Name: John
Middle Initial: P
Last Name: Teevan
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Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Thank you for your comment, Hannah MacLaren.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11126.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:18:20PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11126

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Comment Submitted:

I feel strongly that solar energy capacity be initially utilized by individual homes and business, suggesting that as a first stage, federal support goes to that. And only then might larger scale installations take place.

And considering those large scale installations, proposed under the Solar Energy Development PEIS --when amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

All proposed zones that threaten our national parks must be off-limits. These include:

- 1) The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
- 2) The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.
- 3) The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- 4) and the Red Sands SEZ that threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Sandra Woodall.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11127.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:18:36PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11127

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Comment Submitted:

I support the development of solar power plants. I also feel that care should be given the siting of these plants. Since this is a new industry, we have a chance to do it right from the beginning. The best site for a photovoltaic plant is an urban flat roof. It is by definition not a sensitive area. It is close to current infrastructure and the local power grid. The worst site is an endangered or endemic species habitat. We are losing biological diversity too fast to purposely hurry the process. Building far from existing infrastructure also adds to total cost and environmental disruption.

Thank you for your comment, martha simon.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11128.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:21:10PM

Solar Energy Development PEIS

Comment ID: SolarD11128

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Comment Submitted:

Useful, i.e. noninvasive soar technology is a good thing!

Thank you for your comment, Russell Grindle.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11129.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:22:23PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11129

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Comment Submitted:

I believe that urban and suburban sites for the development of solar energy should be examined more fully. In my area, Genentech has a large parking lot that is covered by large solar collectors that not only provide energy but also shade the automobiles parked there. How many thousands of paved over acres could provide this benefit for their communities? Land that has already been removed from a natural state should be considered for solar development before covering yet more undeveloped land.

Thank you for your comment, Carole Simmons.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11130.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:23:07PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11130

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Comment Submitted:

--Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Jill & Rich Hoehlein.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11131.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:29:14PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11131

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Comment Submitted:

Solar YES!!! but be thoughtful about where it is placed. Not all sites are valuable for solar and some sites that are good for solar, just may be too precious a natural resource for other things (i.e. animal and plant life) to be used for such.

Thank you for your comment, Ruth-Ann Radcliff.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11132.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:30:18PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11132

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Comment Submitted:

I believe that there are better methods for alternative energy such as solar that will not compromise public access to public lands, and destruction of the environment. I also see this as another give-away to big energy corporations rather than putting it in the hands of the people. The American people would like to see better use of public lands and their tax dollars. Why public lands where the population density is low? Why not put solar panels on rooftops in urban areas and, particularly, in shopping centers, where population is dense and usage would be immediate?

Thank you for your comment, mary ferraro.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11133.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:31:22PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11133

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Comment Submitted:

Please look into solar energy to take over the carbon and gas dependability. But don't do it in an half fast way. Take the environment, flora and fauna into consideration. The project needs to impact both the least. One way to do it is to embed solar panels into building walls, windows and in the pavement. This way, the impact on the fields and the environment will be the least.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11134.

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Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Comment Submitted:

While the development of Solar Energy is quite vital, all attention must be paid to the environment and the impact on the environment, including parks, land use, air and water quality, etc.

Thank you for your comment, Beth Fay.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11135.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:40:28PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11135

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Comment Submitted:

I know that we need renewable energy, but not at the expense of ruining our national parks. Please be respectful of our public lands when considering optional energy resources, such as solar.

Thank you for your comment, Leah McIntosh.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11136.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:45:49PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11136

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Comment Submitted:

These are my comments on the Draft Solar Energy Development PEIS:

I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks:

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.

The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.

The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.

Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Elaine Fischer.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11137.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:48:23PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11137

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Comment Submitted:

--Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for taking the time to speak up for responsible solar development that protects our national parks. Your action today will help make a difference!

Sincerely,
Elaine Fischer

Thank you for your comment, Heather Ferguson.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11138.

Comment Date: April 12, 2011 23:51:31PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11138

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Comment Submitted:

--Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

- * The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
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- * The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- * Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Ginger Anderson.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11139.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 00:01:22AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11139

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Comment Submitted:

I believe that alternative energy sources need to be investigated and pursued. However, the operative word here is investigated. Wind and solar need to be subject to the similar if not very same environmental impact studies that should be done before anything is done in a natural area, public or private.

Please do the appropriate homework so that solar does not become a different sort of coal or gas/oil fiasco.

Thank you for your comment, Richard Sanders.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11140.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 00:12:05AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11140

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Comment Submitted:

As our country moves to develop renewable energy projects that will help us end our reliance on foreign oil, buffer us from climate change, and promote national security, we have an opportunity to ensure that solar facilities are installed responsibly, without harming our national parks.

But there's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

Once amended, I would strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology. But there are currently four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks, and need to be amended:

(1) The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.

(2) The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.

(3) The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.

(4) Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Lance Michel.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11141.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 00:12:39AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Comment Submitted:

Exercise common sense for Humanity, ignore greed, and Be Real...Make the RIGHT choice for ALL!!

Thank you for your comment, lily yang.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11142.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 00:18:02AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11142

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage

Thank you for your comment, Mark Alexander.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11143.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 00:23:06AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11143

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Comment Submitted:

Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Susan Weihofen.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11144.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 00:27:12AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11144

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Comment Submitted:

There's a right way and a wrong way to develop solar energy. It should be developed only in zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage

Thank you for your comment, Sundra Allen.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11145.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 00:30:43AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11145

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Comment Submitted:

I vote.
I think solar energy is long overdue.

Thank you for your comment, William Lee Kohler.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11146.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 00:33:10AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Comment Submitted:

Solar is the energy of the future. However as long as it is collected by earthbound solar panels our National Parks and natural areas MUST be protected by insuting that all installations are done responsibly.
It should be an imperative to move on to solar power satellites ASAP so that we can get rid of all the earthbound eyesores and power installations.

Thank you for your comment, Marc Beschler.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11147.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 00:34:07AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11147

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Comment Submitted:

Once amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks:

1. The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
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4. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Thank you for your comment, Rita Moore.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11148.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 00:39:23AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11148

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Comment Submitted:

Once amended, I support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

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Deserts are not waste lands. They provide a home for desert plants and creatures. In general wind and solar farms should be located in areas already damaged by humans rather than natural areas which provide good habitat.

Thank you for your comment, Juell DeSpain.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11149.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 00:52:11AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11149

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that do not compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11150.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 00:55:29AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11150

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Comment Submitted:

Please build renewable energy facilities without damaging sensitive environments and ecosystems.

Thank you for your comment, Charles Daly.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11151.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 00:55:33AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11151

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Comment Submitted:

With amendments, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

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The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.

Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Finally, it is vital that the Bureau of Land Management include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your attention and consideration in this matter.

Thank you for your comment, Francee Levin.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11152.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 00:56:46AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11152

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Comment Submitted:

Surely our National Parks should be leaders in the use of clean, safe energy, the perfect place to experiment with and promote the use of solar energy to preserve our natural resources and beauty.

Thank you for your comment, Daniel Rosenthal.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11153.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 00:56:54AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11153

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Attachment:

Comment Submitted:

Solar farms are best placed in situations where they can enhance the value of the land they occupy. If created within preserved park areas they lose their potential to benefit society. We should look for opportunities in areas currently unused or under-used.

Thank you for your comment, Peter Reynolds.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11154.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 01:01:16AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11154

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State: NC
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Comment Submitted:

Once amended, I will strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative. But there's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should not compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

- The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
- The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.
- The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

Solar projects planned within 15 miles of a national park boundary should require consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you for your comment, Mikanuk "Larry Adams".

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11155.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 01:02:49AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11155

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Middle Initial: D
Last Name: Adams"
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Attachment:

Comment Submitted:

I fully agree with building solar energy in the Desert Southwest. However, we need to ensure that birds and all other species of wildlife and their habitat are not intruded upon. For example, wind turbines present a problem, as the air is the route our bird friends use to survive. Also, solar collectors need to also well-thought out so our reptile, rodent, mammal and all other animal species' environments are not impinged upon.

In other words, these plans need to be not only well-thought out but environmentally-designed not to impede on wildlife in any way, shape or form. The right design will allow our animal friends to thrive in their environment while allowing us to save ours.

Thank you for your comment, Louise DeNight.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11156.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 01:06:45AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11156

First Name: Louise
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Comment Submitted:

Once amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

I see that there are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

I believe that any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Alice Goodman.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11157.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 01:07:23AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11157

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State: WA
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Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage

Thank you for your comment, Hari Lubin.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11158.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 01:08:13AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11158

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Comment Submitted:

Solar power is GOOD; however, not at the expense of our parks. Why can't you figure out how we can have both. If we can go to the moon, we can come up with a fair solution.

Thank you for your comment, Donna Travis.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11159.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 01:09:53AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11159

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Middle Initial: M
Last Name: Travis
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State: [Withheld by requestor]
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Country: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

We have a proven way of using this technology, This is a good progress for our enviroment and can futher increase more energy. I support this cause as we can stay away from polluting and nonrenewalbe resources. Lets do this.

Thank you for your comment, Twyla Meyer.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11160.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 01:19:26AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11160

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Last Name: Meyer
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Comment Submitted:

We need safer forms of energy like wind and solar power.

Thank you for your comment, Steve Smith.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11161.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 01:32:22AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11161

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Last Name: Smith
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Address 3:
City: Washington
State: DC
Zip: 20560
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

Sir/Madam,

I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

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- * Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you

Thank you for your comment, Rhonda Clements.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11162.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 01:35:33AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11162

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Comment Submitted:

We need to be investing in alternative energy especially solar and wind, that is the real help for the future not destroying our country more than it has been and making life even harder on everyone except the rich!! What happened to change??

Thank you for your comment, Edward Craig.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11163.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 01:39:48AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11163

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State: OR
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Comment Submitted:

I am certain my government is not about to endanger the habitat of any species, especially a rare one, for solar power.

Thank you for your comment, Mark Strauss.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11164.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 01:45:58AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11164

First Name: Mark
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Last Name: Strauss
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State: CA
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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

Thank you for your comment, Mark Strauss.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11165.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 01:47:58AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11165

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Last Name: Strauss
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Comment Submitted:

Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

- The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
- The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.
- The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Helen Ostrander.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11166.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 01:56:24AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11166

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Middle Initial: M
Last Name: Ostrander
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Comment Submitted:

I feel that solar should be used in all of our parks and I agree that they should be inconspicuous so the public can still enjoy the scenery and magnificence of the natural beauty of the park. I think it's about time that this country begins using more natural sources of energy.

Thank you for your comment, Phyllis Fast.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11167.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 02:02:57AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11167

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Comment Submitted:

I support solar energy development only within appropriately sited Solar Energy Zones that do not harm our national parks.

I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.

The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.

The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.

Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Rick Provencio.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11168.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 02:07:51AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11168

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage. I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology. Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Andrew Horn.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11169.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 02:08:06AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11169

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Comment Submitted:

I am all for development of solar and other alternative forms of energy. However trying to save the environment in a way that harms another aspect of the environment, ie national parks and nature reserves, is rather absurd. Think first and act effectively.
Thanks!

Thank you for your comment, Dianne Nezgoda.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11170.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 02:30:28AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11170

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Middle Initial: J
Last Name: Nezgoda
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Comment Submitted:

I am thrilled that attempts to utilize solar energy are nearing fruition, however I hope the placement of the equipment does not interfere with our National Park vistas.

Thank you for your comment, Carih Branson.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11171.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 02:47:03AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11171

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Comment Submitted:

America needs to work toward a renewable energy future to buffer us from climate change, help us kick our reliance on foreign oil & enhance our national security. We need a common sense approach that protects these spectacular places, their abundant wildlife, pristine night skies, clean air & water resources. This means eliminating or reconfiguring the boundaries of SEZs that would disrupt wildlife corridors, cause air & light pollution, impair spectacular vistas & drawdown water resources. It should also mean prohibiting the siting of new SEZs or new solar development in general from at least 15 miles from national parks unless the National Park Service determines that development does not unacceptably impact park resources.

Thank you for your comment, danny grantham.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11172.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 03:18:22AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11172

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Last Name: grantham
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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy is an energy alternative that should be reviewed and considered to reducing our dependency

Thank you for your comment, Terry Gorby.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11173.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 03:35:30AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11173

First Name: Terry
Middle Initial: L
Last Name: Gorby
Organization:
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City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Oscar Revilla Alguacil.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11174.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 04:05:14AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11174

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Middle Initial:
Last Name: Revilla Alguacil
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Country: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

- * The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
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--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for taking the time to speak up for responsible solar development that protects our national parks. Your action today will help make a difference!

Sincerely,

Thank you for your comment, Orysia Twerdochlib.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11175.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 04:27:27AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11175

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Last Name: Twerdochlib
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Comment Submitted:

Above all we need to protect the integrity of our national parks.

Thank you for your comment, Bryan Baier.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11176.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 04:45:12AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11176

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Middle Initial:
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Organization:
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Comment Submitted:

The construction of clean energy facilities needs to be done responsibly if it is to achieve truly green ends. Please do not allow for the construction or development of any facilities that would in any way hinder the ability of our national parks and open spaces to function the way they do.

Thank you for your comment, Carol Bernstein.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11177.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 04:47:07AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11177

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State: NY
Zip: 13850
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.

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-Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

* Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

* --Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park

Thank you for your comment, Holly Chisholm.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11178.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 05:19:40AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11178

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Comment Submitted:

I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

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Thank you for your comment, Jim Corriere.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11179.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 05:24:54AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11179

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Comment Submitted:

No solar panels in state parks!

Thank you for your comment, Patricia Bolt.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11180.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 05:49:20AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11180

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Last Name: Bolt
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Comment Submitted:

We must end our reliance on oil for political and environmental reasons. We are destroying our atmosphere, bringing about global warming and destroying natural habitats, our oceans and wildlife with toxic pollutions and oil spills.

We need to develop clean, renewable energy sources quickly and get off of oil now.

Thank you for your comment, Susan Lee.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11181.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 06:01:45AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11181

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Comment Submitted:

I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology. I would ask that the following amendments be considered.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your time.

Thank you for your comment, Elizabeth Franks.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11182.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 06:07:30AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11182

First Name: Elizabeth
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Last Name: Franks
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State: OH
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Comment Submitted:

I am all in favor of developing alternative sources of energy, but as a nature lover and outdoorsperson, I'm concerned about negative impact on wilderness areas of our national parks. So I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Thank you for your comment, Carmen L.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11183.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 06:21:12AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11183

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage. It should be developed on urban roofs, which is a better option.

Thank you for your comment, betty raubenolt.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11184.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 06:27:22AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11184

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Comment Submitted:

Dear Decision Maker,
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Thank you for taking the time to speak up for responsible solar development that protects our national parks. Your action today will help make a difference!

Sincerely,

Thank you for your comment, diane hedley.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11185.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 06:36:01AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11185

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Last Name: hedley
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Comment Submitted:

We can protect our parkland and have new energy, just do it responsibly

Thank you for your comment, Russell Riley.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11186.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 06:37:52AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11186

First Name: Russell
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Riley
Organization:
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City: Pensacola
State: FL
Zip: 32506
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, David Burley.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11187.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 06:43:07AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11187

First Name: David
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Burley
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Address 2:
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City: Hammond
State: LA
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Comment Submitted:

I full support providing solar energy as a major source of energy. However, we must engage best practices in locating near national parks and on other public lands. There is a way to do this correctly. Once amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development. Thank you.

Thank you for your comment, Clara Beeler.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11188.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 06:44:21AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11188

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Middle Initial: M
Last Name: Beeler
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Comment Submitted:

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--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Jennifer Voss.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11189.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 06:53:03AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11189

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Middle Initial:
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Organization:
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Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, Nancy Beavers.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11190.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 06:53:47AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11190

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Comment Submitted:

The federal government has initiated an environmental review to identify where to develop its solar energy projects on public lands. There's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage. I support solar energy development only within appropriately sited Solar Energy Zones where our national parks are not harmed!

Thank you for your comment, Kris Pagenkopf.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11191.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 06:54:43AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11191

First Name: Kris
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Pagenkopf
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Comment Submitted:

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- 3) The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- 4) Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, kay fish.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11192.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 06:54:56AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11192

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State: NC
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Comment Submitted:

Alternative energy sources should be developed only in energy zones that do not compromise national park wildlife and archaeological sites. Leave these opportunities for future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage. Explore the realities of giving tax breaks for the use of private lands to develop alternative forms of energy.

Thank you for your comment, Bonnie Miller.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11193.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:01:07AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11193

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Thank you for your comment, vicki burns.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11194.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:03:29AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11194

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Middle Initial:
Last Name: burns
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Comment Submitted:

Please consider our National Parks and their legacy while making important energy developments.

Thank you for your comment, Kimberly Cresic.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11195.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:06:34AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11195

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Comment Submitted:

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I believe intuitive and ecologically friendly solar energy construction can be a reality within protected areas. The process must be an honest and transparent collaboration that includes partners from legitimate environmental and scientific groups. Let's move forward instead of backward.

Thank you for your comment, Mark Wroblewski.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11196.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:16:11AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11196

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Last Name: Wroblewski
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Comment Submitted:

Dear Sir:

Once amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

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Respectfully,
Mark Wroblewski

Thank you for your comment, Zelma Taylor.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11197.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:19:31AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11197

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Last Name: Taylor
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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy is renewable and clean. The development of solar energy will create many jobs.

However, it must not come at the expense of protecting the environment. Natural eco-systems have developed since the beginning and they are necessary for a healthy planet.

What good is energy if the planet is not fit for the living?

Thank you for your comment, Lori Ferguson.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11198.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:25:04AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11198

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Comment Submitted:

This issue needs to be addressed in a hurry. Also, why is there no discussion on over population? Lets thin the herd in the human count as well.

Thank you for your comment, Carlo Zucchi.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11199.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:32:04AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11199

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Comment Submitted:

Green Energy must respect natural habitats and endangered species.
Don't use free-lands, but use dismissed terrains, buildings, houses, etc. !

Thank you for your comment, jeanne servis.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11200.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:32:46AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11200

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Last Name: servis
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Comment Submitted:

Our National Parks have been established over a long period of time for many protections (scenery, wildlife, water, recreation, etc.) It is therefore wise to consider carefully the impacts solar development will have on these areas and to weigh our values to accommodate and not destroy.

Thank you for your comment, Elizabeth Larrison.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11201.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:34:50AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11201

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Middle Initial: A
Last Name: Larrison
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Thank you for taking the time to speak up for responsible solar development that protects our national parks. Your action today will help make a difference!

Sincerely,

Thank you for your comment, Ruth Kram.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11202.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:40:17AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11202

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Comment Submitted:

plz save what is left of our irreplaceable natural treasure--invading our parks and hurting our wildlife is too high a price when other areas are available

Thank you for your comment, sarah lincoln.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11203.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:41:25AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11203

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Comment Submitted:

Please be thoughtful in your decisionmaking process

Thank you for your comment, William Lawless.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11204.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:43:57AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11204

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Comment Submitted:

Solar boost is desired beginning for non petroleum based energy.
Let's go!

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11205.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:49:26AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11205

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Thank you for your comment, Michael Norden.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11206.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:50:38AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11206

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Comment Submitted:

As our country moves to develop renewable energy projects that will help us end our reliance on foreign oil, buffer us from climate change, and promote national security, we have an opportunity to ensure that solar facilities are installed responsibly without harming our national parks.

The federal government has initiated an environmental review to identify where solar development should occur on public lands in California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado.

But there's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

Thank you for your comment, Erika DeCarlo.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11207.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:53:11AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11207

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Last Name: DeCarlo
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Thank you for your comment, Margaret Marshall.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11208.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 07:54:31AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11208

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Comment Submitted:

Please be careful where you decide to put the solar energy zones. Putting them in national parks, where one of the goals is to preserve wildlife and provide natural, scenic areas for Americans to enjoy, would take away from these goals.

Thank you for your comment, Christopher Norbury.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11209.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 08:07:25AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11209

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Comment Submitted:

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--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11210.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 08:12:02AM

Solar Energy Development PEIS

Comment ID: SolarD11210

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Comment Submitted:

Draft Solar Energy NOW!

Thank you for your comment, Timothy & Jan Dwyer.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11211.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 08:26:25AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11211

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Comment Submitted:

As our country moves to develop renewable energy projects that will help us end our reliance on foreign oil, buffer us from climate change, and promote national security, we have an opportunity to ensure that solar facilities are installed responsibly without harming our national parks.

Since the federal government has initiated an environmental review to identify where solar development should occur on public lands in California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado, we need to proceed correctly.

There's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

Please proceed, but protect our National Parks.

Thank you for your comment, Judith Raymond.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11212.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 08:26:58AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11212

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Last Name: Raymond
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Comment Submitted:

We leave footprints that sometimes last many generations. Alternative energy sources are a good way to lighten the footprints for many generations, but there again, only if it is done in a way to keep the parks in tact as much as possible.

Thank you for your comment, Ron Molina.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11213.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 08:39:33AM

Solar Energy Development PEIS

Comment ID: SolarD11213

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Last Name: Molina

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Comment Submitted:

help!

Thank you for your comment, Doug and Jan Parker.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11214.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 08:45:21AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11214

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Comment Submitted:

WE strongly support solar energy development. However, it should be done in a way that protects wildlife, habitat and our national parks and recreation areas. Solar energy zones should be placed so that they do not interfere with archaeological and cultural sites, do not contribute to light pollution, and enhance rather than detract from our natural scenic beauty.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11215.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 08:54:31AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11215

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Comment Submitted:

I believe it's important to respect the value of our National Parks in locating solar energy zones. Their position should not interfere with the wonderful experiences our Parks provide. Nor should they have any detrimental environmental impact.

Thank you for your comment, Henry Kettelhut.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11216.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 08:55:57AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11216

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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, Sigmund Hudson.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11217.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 08:59:31AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11217

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Comment Submitted:

Solar projects should not have negative impacts on national or state parks. These areas have been set aside for the obvious reasons. If a solar project is proposed within 15 miles of a national park boundary there needs to be extensive public notice and consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Elaine Bevilacqua.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11218.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:00:18AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11218

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy development should take place in areas that do not adversely affect the environment or the wildlife.

Thank you for your comment, Shannon Mayfield-Chapin.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11219.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:01:00AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11219

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Last Name: Mayfield-Chapin
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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, Linda Burlingame.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11220.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:03:05AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11220

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Comment Submitted:

WE HAVE ONLY ONE CHANCE WITH THIS PLANET AND ITS CREATURES!!

Thank you for your comment, L. J. Travers.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11221.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:04:39AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11221

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Thank you for your comment, Angela Rhoads.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11222.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:07:41AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11222

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Comment Submitted:

Our cities, with their large exposed building surfaces and expanded roof areas, are the place for giant solar farms: not our wilderness and park areas. Most cities could be made cooler and more comfortable if excess solar radiation could be collected by skyscrapers as part of either retrofitting or built-in panels on new construction, instead of allowing this energy to passively collect in concrete and radiate wastefully away overnight.

Thank you for your comment, Barbara Liszeo.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11223.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:11:43AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11223

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Thank you for your comment, Susan Carroll.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11224.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:12:58AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Thank you for your comment, Bethanie Gehman.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11225.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:13:02AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11225

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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, Jared Cornelia.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11226.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:16:20AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11226

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Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11227.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:16:54AM

Solar Energy Development PEIS

Comment ID: SolarD11227

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Comment Submitted:

I am in favor of solar energy but it should be used responsibly in the national parks.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11228.

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Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11228

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Thank you for your comment, Mary O'Brien.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11229.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:21:38AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11229

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Comment Submitted:

Once amended to protect national parks and desert ecology, I support the Solar Energy alternative.
Proposed projects within 15 miles of a national park should trigger consultation with the National Park Service.

Thank you for your comment, al mcluckie.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11230.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:24:18AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11230

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Thank you for your comment, William Wertenbaker.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11231.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:27:07AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11231

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Thank you for your comment, Joen Mein.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11232.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:27:28AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11232

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy is coming of age and it is time we moved away from polluting fossil fuel energies--coal, oil, and gas, which have been disastrous to our planet and its inhabitants. However, we must never let the construction and building of solar plants to be built on or near our national parks, national recreation areas, national forests, wild and scenic rivers, state and local parks. New laws must be developed to safeguard our heritage and inhabitants.

Thank you for your comment, Patricia law.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11233.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:29:01AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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State: CA
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Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

protect what little is left of our wilderness and wildlife

Thank you for your comment, Thomas Zissu.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11234.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:31:43AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11234

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Comment Submitted:

Solar installations should not go in any environmentally sensitive areas.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11235.

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Comment ID: SolarD11235

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Thank you for your comment, Judith Willoughby.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11236.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:37:44AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11236

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Thank you for your comment, Matthew Walker.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11237.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:40:58AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11237

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Comment Submitted:

Dear Friends,

This matter addresses two issues I most care about: green energy and our national parks. We need both, and there's no reason development of energy can't proceed without harming the parks.

Once amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

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Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your consideration,
Matthew Walker

Thank you for your comment, Rick Dahn.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11238.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:42:06AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11238

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Comment Submitted:

I would like to invest in solar energy at home. At this time is not affordable. How can the government help the individual afford this?

Thank you for your comment, Wesley Wolf.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11239.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:44:50AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11239

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Comment Submitted:

I am fully in favor of sustainable energy projects, including solar, but they must not be situated in places that detract from wilderness scenery or have a serious adverse effect on wildlife. I have concerns about four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks:

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Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11240.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:46:53AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11240

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As our country moves to develop renewable energy projects that will help us end our reliance on foreign oil, buffer us from climate change, and promote national security, we have an opportunity to ensure that solar facilities are installed responsibly without harming our national parks.

But there's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy.

Thank you for your comment, Angela Black.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11241.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:55:08AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11241

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage. I am against developing solar energy that damages or compromises wildlife areas.

Thank you for your comment, Joy Zadaca.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11242.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:55:45AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11242

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Thank you for your comment, frederick sall.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11243.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:56:11AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11243

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Comment Submitted:

there is a surplus of public land in the west suitable for solar energy development. let's develop solar energy where the wildlife and flora will not be significantly adversely affected by the construction and presence of the facilities.

Thank you for your comment, gene hillegass.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11244.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:58:00AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11244

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Comment Submitted:

NONE

Thank you for your comment, Donald wright.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11245.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:58:19AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11245

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Middle Initial:
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Thank you for your comment, Kelly Dozier.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11246.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 09:58:34AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11246

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Last Name: Dozier
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Comment Submitted:

Dear Decision Makers,

I am very excited about the prospect of further development of clean, renewable sources of energy for our country. Thank you for your work on this effort. I do have some concerns about the possibility of damaging our nation's parks and monuments with this effort. I feel that the goals can be achieved while protecting our irreplaceable assets.

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Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

Thank you for your comment, Melissa Chepuru.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11247.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:00:03AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11247

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Comment Submitted:

We need to start spending money on things that matter, our future. Solar energy is clean, cheap once we are up and running and creates jobs. Our govt. subsidizes oil, gas and coal. How would those industries be doing today without all the breaks that are given them. And if those subsidies were put into training a workforce and building a solar infrastructure, along with developing light rail transport, and so on, the economy, the environment and our involvement in wars overseas would benefit. Let's stop dithering. WE wanted change. Real change. The Congress is acting like a bunch of children on the playground vying for the best swing. God, it's embarrassing. Get over your big egos and do something before the American public decides to cut your salaries and benefits. Oh, that we could, we would have by now.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11248.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:00:38AM

Solar Energy Development PEIS

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Comment Submitted:

Be smart with solar.

Thank you for your comment, Louis Harris, Jr..

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11249.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:06:22AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11249

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Comment Submitted:

Whereas it is necessary for us to develop alternate energy resources, it is vital that placements on public lands take into consideration the original reasons for the protection of the lands, i.e., scenery, wildlife, night sky viewing, open country, protection of beautiful places, etc. Especially important will be the preservation of corridors for wildlife to move through. Please no placements that do not take these matters into consideration.

Thank you for your attention.

Thank you for your comment, Christine McCarthy.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11250.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:06:23AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11250

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Comment Submitted:

Please use solar energy!

Thank you for your comment, Katherine Russell.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11251.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:08:20AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11251

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Comment Submitted:

I am in agreement with the NPCA assessment that three SEZs need to be modified. California's Iron Mountain SEZ should be eliminated because of its harmful impacts especially to water resources, but also for the scenic vistas from Joshua Tree National Park and for night sky viewing. California's Riverside East SEZ should be reduced and its boundaries reconfigured to minimize damage to wildlife corridors and viewsheds from Joshua Tree National Park wilderness. Finally, Nevada's Amargosa Valley SEZ is too close to Death Valley National Park wilderness and would negatively affect park wildlife and drawdown precious water resources, resulting in a threat to the endangered Devil's Hole Pupfish and surrounding wetlands. It is important not to injure natural resources including natural vistas while trying to save the future. The development of solar arrays and other power generation should be encouraged in suburban and urban locations where there is the added advantage of a shorter transit of source to use.

Thank you for your comment, Nancy Richard.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11252.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:09:20AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11252

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Comment Submitted:

As we progress toward alternate energy alternatives such as solar energy, we must ensure that every precaution is taken to lessen its impact on our national parks, sensitive wildernesses, and wildlife. Joshua Tree and Death Valley are isolated parks which MUST be protected. Lest we lose sight of our priorities, the pursuit of alternate energy resources must adhere to those principles.

Thank you for your comment, Jill Timm.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11253.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:09:26AM
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Thank you for your comment, Eldon Wedlock.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11254.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:12:06AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11254

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Comment Submitted:

Clearly, America needs to work toward a renewable energy future to buffer us from climate change, help us kick our reliance on foreign oil and enhance our national security. But there's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed in areas that don't compromise our national parks. America should develop renewable energy resources in a smart, ecologically sound manner that protects our national treasures.

The federal government has initiated the Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Solar PEIS) process to identify where solar energy development should occur on federal lands in California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado. The government has identified Twenty four solar energy zones where renewable energy companies can build their facilities.

While concentrating solar development within specified zones makes sense, several of these Solar Energy Zones (SEZs) threaten the resources of some of our most iconic desert national parks like Death Valley National Park and Joshua Tree National Park.

What's needed is a common sense approach that protects these spectacular places, their abundant wildlife, pristine night skies, clean air and water resources. This means eliminating or reconfiguring the boundaries of SEZs that would disrupt wildlife corridors, cause air or light pollution, impair the spectacular vistas and draw down water resources. It should also mean prohibiting the siting of new SEZs or new solar development in general from at least 15 miles from national parks unless the National Park Service determines that development does not unacceptably impact park resources.

NPCA strongly believes that three SEZs need to be modified. California's Iron Mountain SEZ must be eliminated because of its harmful impacts to water resources, night sky viewing and scenic vistas from Joshua Tree National Park. California's Riverside East SEZ must be reduced and its boundaries reconfigured to minimize damage to wildlife corridors and views from Joshua Tree National Park wilderness. Finally, Nevada's Amargosa Valley SEZ is simply too close to Death Valley National Park wilderness and would negatively affect park wildlife and draw down precious water resources, resulting in a threat to the endangered Devil's Hole Pupfish and surrounding wetlands. I hope you can make these changes. Peace.

Thank you for your comment, Eiffler Jeffrey.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11255.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:12:14AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11255

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Comment Submitted:

I would like to quickly comment on the development of solar energy in the American Southwest. I fully support the development of solar energy but I also want to ensure that the development does not degrade national parks or any other area of environmental sensitivity or significance.

Thank you

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11256.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:13:04AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11256

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Thank you for your comment, Leslie Geller.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11257.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:21:54AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11257

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Comment Submitted:

I've been a member of NPCA for many years, and their email just spurred me to comment on solar energy development.

Once amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

The NPCA's email educated me that there are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

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Thank you,
Leslie Geller

Thank you for your comment, margaret bish.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11258.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:22:43AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11258

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Comment Submitted:

Please leave the set-aside, natural areas alone. we have so few, and they are being used as political/financial pawns.

Thank you for your comment, barara austin.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11259.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:24:43AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11259

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Comment Submitted:

I support development only within appropriately sited Solar Energy Zones that do not harm our national parks. Any solar project sited within 15 miles of a national parks boundry should trigger consultation with the National Park service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishers national park resources or visitor enjoyment. It is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.
B.Austin

Thank you for your comment, Joanne Rist.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11260.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:27:52AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11260

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Thank you for your comment, Marcia Woolman.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11261.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:28:43AM
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Comment Submitted:

When determining locations for the development of solar energy, please seek locations that do not impact our National Parks. They are being maintained as a place to preserve our natural heritage and for people to return to a simpler time. Finding solar energy panels, wind turbines and the like will ruin this experience.

Thank you for your comment, Mark Rist.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11262.

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Thank you for your comment, Joanne Rist.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11263.

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Thank you for your comment

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Thank you.

Thank you for your comment, Chantal Dothey.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11265.

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Comment Submitted:

Clearly, America needs to work toward a renewable energy future to buffer us from climate change, help us kick our reliance on foreign oil and enhance our national security. But there's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed in areas that don't compromise our national parks. America should develop renewable energy resources in a smart, ecologically sound manner that protects our national treasures.

The federal government has initiated the Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Solar PEIS) process to identify where solar energy development should occur on federal lands in California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado. The government has identified Twenty four solar energy zones where renewable energy companies can build their facilities.

While concentrating solar development within specified zones makes sense, several of these Solar Energy Zones (SEZs) threaten the resources of some of our most iconic desert national parks like Death Valley National Park and Joshua Tree National Park.

What's needed is a common sense approach that protects these spectacular places, their abundant wildlife, pristine night skies, clean air and water resources. This means eliminating or reconfiguring the boundaries of SEZs that would disrupt wildlife corridors, cause air and light pollution, impair spectacular vistas and drawdown water resources. It should also mean prohibiting the siting of new SEZs or new solar development in general from at least 15 miles from national parks unless the National Park Service determines that development does not unacceptably impact park resources.

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Thank you for your comment, David Brettin.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11266.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:37:15AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Comment Submitted:

Thank you for taking time to read my comments and thoughts. I am a strong supporter of Solar and other green energies. However the intent behind the move to green energy is to reduce the impact Humanity has on nature. In the interest of this goal, I have a few suggestions relating to four proposed Solar Energy Zones near Joshua Tree National Park.

The Riverside East SEZ could have severe negative impact on wildlife corridors near the park, as well as negatively influencing wildlife within the park itself. This Zone should be restructured to reduce these impacts. The Iron Mountain SEZ intrudes upon natural scenery of Joshua Tree National Park, as well as negatively impacting the wildlife in the park. I thank you kindly to please move such a grand contribution to Eco-friendly energy production, so as to make it even more environmentally conscious. The Amargosa Valley SEZ unfortunately threatens Endangered Species habitats by reducing the water supply crucial to the desert wetlands home of the Devil's Hole Pupfish and several other species. Please, for the future of a whole ecosystem, reconfigure the layout to prevent this detrimental impact. The Red Sands SEZ threatens water supplies, this time in White Sands National Monument, also threatening dune formation in the same area.

As I said at the beginning of my comments, I strongly support the push for Solar energy and the establishment of Solar Energy Zones, However the impact of the SEZs mentioned above could cause great distress to both the wildlife in the National Parks and to the visitors who go there to enjoy the scenery. In my opinion that if an SEZ is set up within 15 mi. of a National Park boundary, the National Park Service should be involved in the planed layout to further reduce the impact our society has on the natural world and the wonders it holds. Thank you again for taking the time to read my concerns.

Thank you for your comment, Stephen Leone.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11267.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:38:08AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Thank you for your comment, Melinda Dastrup.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11268.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:39:49AM
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Comment Submitted:

The US government subsidizes the oil industry and corn (for ethanol). They have been in business commercially for years. If they cannot survive without the subsidies, then they should no longer be in business. Isn't that the capital way? Solar and other green energy should be the recipients of subsidies, if any are going to be given out. They are a young industry and need the assistance to increase their infrastructure.

Thank you for your comment, Sharon Parshall.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11269.

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Comment Submitted:

We need to get rid of our dependence on oil and gas. Solar power is one way to do this, a way that is not harmful to the environment. Stop pandering to big oil and make a move toward better energy sources.

Thank you for your comment, Dwight Phelps.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11270.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:40:21AM
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Comment Submitted:

It is important to keep our National Parks in a natural state for the future generations. When some public lands are developed for Solar Energy is is important to keep this in mind.

Thank you for your comment, John Brady.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11271.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:41:03AM
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Please be certain that any and all solar facilities which are installed are done so responsibly without harming our national parks.

Thank you for your comment, Marianne Squyres.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11272.

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Solar energy is a terrific way to generate necessary energy, and it's great that national parks can aid that cause. However, as the National Parks Conservation Association points out, "there's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage." Any solar energy projects in or near national parks must be scrutinized for their impact on the parks and all their resources and programs. If they're found harmful in any way, they must either be scrapped altogether, or relocated to more suitable locations. PLEASE implement solar energy very carefully and in a way that does not harm the parks or their mission. Thank you.

Thank you for your comment, Daniel Cadzow.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11273.

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Comment Submitted:

coal and oil are already forms of solar energy, but they are killing us. we need a more direct way of harvesting the sun's energy!

Thank you for your comment, Chezna Warner.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11274.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:47:07AM
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Comment ID: SolarD11274

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Thank you for your comment, Deborah Judd.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11275.

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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, Deborah Judd.

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Thank you for your comment, Lillian Arboleda.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11277.

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Thank you for your comment, Cecelia Samp.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11278.

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Thank you for your comment, Richard Berggren.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11279.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:50:25AM
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Please keep in mind the beauty of our national parks when citing solar energy projects. Our national parks are sanctuaries for wildlife, trees and plants that are necessary for oxygen replenishment and are havens for families on vacation. They are also sources of revenue for tourism.

Don't damage these things while planning for needed space for energy development.

Thank you for your comment, Vivienne Lenk.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11280.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:50:35AM
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Comment Submitted:

I believe the chief goal of our energy program should be to require that all new RESIDENTIAL building in our western states be mandatory. That being said, the government should also be a leader in how to use solar energy in all government run facilities--- but with respect to our National Parks and Monuments, the solar applications should be responsibly and artistically placed so as not to impede the natural beauty of our parks, nor interfere with wildlife and wildlife habitat. I urge the US government to work with environmental architects, engineers and solar experts to develop such artistic and responsible energy applications for our parks. Sincerely, Vivienne Lenk

Thank you for your comment, David Lindsay.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11281.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 10:51:05AM
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Comment Submitted:

Please see the attached comments of the Society for American Archaeology.



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April 13, 2011

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Re: Scoping Comments of the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) on the Draft Solar Energy Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

To Whom It May Concern:

The SAA endorses the letter sent by the National Trust for Historic Preservation concerning the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) to evaluate utility-scale solar energy development on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) holdings in six southwestern states. We take this opportunity to provide additional comments about this PEIS.

The SAA is an international organization, founded in 1932, dedicated to research, interpretation, and protection of the archaeological heritage of the Americas. With more than 7,000 members, SAA represents professional archaeologists in colleges, universities, museums, governmental agencies, and the private sector. SAA has members in every state within the United States, as well as in many other countries around the world.

In addition to the issues articulated in the letter sent by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the SAA has several additional concerns—

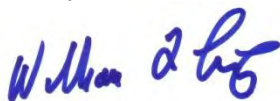
- The existing documentation of historic properties was only minimally used in developing Solar Energy Zones (SEZs). Existing Class I reports were apparently systematically consulted in Utah but not in the other states involved in the project. As a matter of policy, SAA encourages the thoughtful use of existing archaeological data in planning documents. There is no indication, however, that the draft PEIS drew on computerized state archaeological site files in the designation of SEZs and excluded lands, or in the environmental analysis.
- The DPEIS does not adequately recognize that maximal re-use of degraded lands will reduce impacts to historic properties and natural resources. We think the DPEIS should have systematically included information on degraded lands in the process of identifying SEZs, and should use stronger language in requiring developers to consider use of degraded lands as a mitigation measure.
- The purpose and need statement is narrowly drawn and thus precludes the analysis and discussion of real alternatives, such as (1) increased emphasis on the use of privately owned and degraded lands and (2) importance of energy conservation and “distributed

generation” in meeting future energy needs. SAA suggests that BLM, as the premier Federal land-managing agency, should consider all reasonable alternatives, especially when these could result in the preservation of relatively pristine public lands.

- The DPEIS, especially the Executive Summary, should more precisely describe the tiering process and should clearly state that NEPA and Section 106 reviews will be required for all project-specific applications.
- The DPEIS contemplates offering lands in SEZs for development through a competitive process. The SAA recommends that if a competitive process is developed then plans for the identification, evaluation, and treatment of historic properties be required in the bid packages and be part of the selection criteria.
- The SAA strongly recommends that the DPEIS should require, not just recommend, historic property mitigation procedures. As an example, the DPEIS states that Class III surveys “should” be done. To effectively manage historic properties, a mitigation measure must state that it “will” be done.
- The SAA believes that the DPEIS mitigation analysis should recognize the potential that buried archaeological sites will be impacted by solar energy development, and therefore recommends that an adequate geo-archaeological investigation be required for each project as a mitigation measure.
- The SAA is concerned that government-to-government consultation with tribes was not adequate to identify specific information about project impacts on traditional cultural properties. There will be significant auditory and viewshed disruptions near sacred lands and traditional cultural properties, as well as impacts to Native American trails such as the Salt Song Trail in the Riverside East SEZ. How solar energy development will identify and mitigate the cairns, cleared areas, and rock art resources associated with Native American traditional cultural properties is not adequately addressed. Further attention is also needed for the water and plant resources associated with SEZ developments.
- The SAA notes that under both action alternatives SEZ's may be enlarged, reduced, abandoned, or added to, but there is minimal discussion about how alteration to the proposed SEZ's would be handled in the EIS process or once construction of facilities is initiated. This shortcoming needs to be addressed.

In closing, the SAA expresses concern that the analysis of historic properties in the designation of the SEZs does not adequately identify significant cultural resources that may be impacted by the development of solar energy facilities. We therefore recommend that the DPEIS not be used to circumvent existing compliance procedures for considering the impact of solar development projects on historic properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William F. Limp".

William F. Limp, RPA
President, Society for American Archaeology

Thank you for your comment, Piper Karie.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11282.

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Comment Submitted:

Solar power is non invasive and clean. I, personally, lived off the utility grid using solar and wind power for over 10 years. It works and the only people that will be upset about it will be the POWER COMPANIES.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11283.

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Comment Submitted:

With so many rooftops in urban and suburban areas available for PV arrays, there is no need to encroach on our National Park lands and sensitive environments. The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree. In light of the fact that Twentynine Palms Marine Base is looking to expand as well, Iron Mountain SEZ should be removed from consideration. Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced to avoid impacting Death Valley's ecosystem. Red Sands SEZ should also be reduced or removed in consideration of White Sands National Monument. Any proposed solar projects within 20 miles of National Park, National Forest boundaries or BLM land should be subject to stringent review by all agencies concerned.

Thank you for your comment, Joseph Bollin.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11284.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:09:32AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11284

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Organization:
Address: 2010nw15thave
Address 2:
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City: Crystal River
State: FL
Zip: 34428
Country: USA
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Attachment:

Comment Submitted:

Please stop the the insanity of continuing to support the use of fossil fuels and atomic energy. These industries are driven and supported by blind greed of those making obscene profits @ the expense of the common and poor masses of this country. These practices are promoted by and allowed to continue by our government and the many corrupt politicians in our congressional arena. It is beyond my comprehension the lack of morale, integrity and ethics of our government officials.

Thank you for your comment, maricela elizondo.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11285.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:10:31AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11285

First Name: maricela
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Last Name: elizondo
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Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

We have to invest in earth friendly energy production.

Thank you for your comment, Michael & Kate Bluske-Clokin.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11286.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:11:04AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11286

First Name: Michael & Kate
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Bluske-Clokin
Organization: NPCA & many other conservation organizations
Address: 5237 Fautleroy Way SW
Address 2: #103
Address 3:
City: Seattle
State: WA
Zip: 98136
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

There's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

--Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

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Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

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Thank you for your comment, Matthew Thompson.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11287.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:11:46AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11287

First Name: Matthew
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Thompson
Organization:
Address: [Withheld by requestor]
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
Zip: [Withheld by requestor]
Country: [Withheld by requestor]
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Attachment:

Comment Submitted:

I strongly urge the responsible agencies to use due diligence and common sense in pursuing the worthy goals of solar energy development in environmentally sensitive areas.

Thank you for your comment, Donald Burg.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11288.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:12:04AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11288

First Name: Donald
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Burg
Organization:
Address: 17 Old Wood Rd.
Address 2:
Address 3: 17 Old Wood Rd.
City: Pomona
State: CA
Zip: 91766
Country: USA
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Attachment:

Comment Submitted:

With the development of solar and wind energy care must be taken so as not to have facilities such as windmill farms and solar reflective panel farms being invasive to our National Parks and Monuments. We do not have to ruin the natural beauty of our country be it visual or noise pollution. Lets do it right from the beginning and not have to redo mistakes in the future. Also there must be NO giveaways to corporations that will do everything in their power to make everything they do in their favor regardless of the out come. We know from experience that they will ruin our country for their bottom line.

Thank you for your comment, Linda Brebner.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11289.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:12:34AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11289

First Name: Linda
Middle Initial: B
Last Name: Brebner
Organization: none
Address: 254 Highland Parkway
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: Rochester
State: NY
Zip: 14620
Country: USA
Privacy Preference: Don't withhold name or address from public record
Attachment:

Comment Submitted:

I am very supportive of the development of solar energy, however not at the expense of our national parks. I grew up in Twentynine Palms, CA, and I would hate to see the Joshua Tree National Park impacted in a negative way by ill conceived development of solar energy in that area or any other national park.

Thank you for your comment, Kevin Reynolds.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11290.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:15:47AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11290

First Name: Kevin
Middle Initial: B
Last Name: Reynolds
Organization:
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Address 2: Hayward
Address 3:
City: Hayward
State: CA
Zip: 94542
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

As our country moves to develop renewable energy projects that will help us end our reliance on foreign oil, buffer us from climate change, and promote national security, we have an opportunity to ensure that solar facilities are installed responsibly without harming our national parks.

The federal government has initiated an environmental review to identify where solar development should occur on public lands in California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado.

But there's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

Please try to do this responsibly.

Thank you.

Thank you for your comment, Bill Easter.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11291.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:15:51AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11291

First Name: Bill
Middle Initial: H
Last Name: Easter
Organization:
Address: [Withheld by requestor]
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
Zip: [Withheld by requestor]
Country: [Withheld by requestor]
Privacy Preference: Withhold address from public record
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Comment Submitted:

12 April 2011

To whom it concerns,

My name is Bill Easter from Twentynine Palms, California. I am writing in regards to the proposed Solar Energy Development in the Six Southwestern States (Solar Energy Development PEIS). I currently do not take a position of supporting or opposing the proposed project, however I do have concerns about our desert communities. I do realize that the days of using fossils fuels are numbered and with the current conditions in Japan the future of Nuclear energy is also going to receive more scrutiny. So what is the alternative? Finding a way to work together should be the goal of all involved as the desert is a beautiful and wonderful place to live and play. We as desert citizens need to quit thinking Not In my Back Yard (NIMBY) and work in conjunction with the business community and government in finding a way to harness wind and solar as a source of producing energy for the betterment of our planet.

The government and the business community have a responsible in the development, implementation and operation of these wind and solar projects so there impact on the fragile desert environment is minimized. With the possibility of using up to 80% of public lands for this project varies government agencies must keep in mind all of the possible negative draw backs to such a huge project. Some of my concerns are the use of water, land and the destruction of desert plants and animals. At all cost these and others like; cultural issues, Native American and health and safety issues must be taken into consideration.

In conclusion, I believe that we can have wind and solar energy within our desert community but the onus for providing a safe, environmentally friendly and a culturally sensitive project is the responsibility of local, state and government officials at all levels. Thank you for allowing the public the opportunity to make comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Easter

Thank you for your comment, Judith Parker.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11292.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:18:22AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11292

First Name: Judith
Middle Initial: A
Last Name: Parker
Organization:
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Address 2:
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City: Philadelphia
State: PA
Zip: 191461119
Country: USA
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Attachment:

Comment Submitted:

Please support development of solar energy ONLY on public lands where national park wildlife, water resources, scenery, night sky viewing, and archaeological sites will not be compromised. Solar energy is wonderful, but future generations should be able to enjoy America's natural heritage.

Thank you for your comment, Paulette Zimmerman.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11293.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:18:51AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11293

First Name: Paulette
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Zimmerman
Organization:
Address:
Address 2:
Address 3:
City:
State: MO
Zip: 63139
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

After it is amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

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Solar is wonderful, but we need to do it right from the very beginning

Thank you for your comment, Carole Elliott.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11294.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:20:02AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11294

First Name: Carole
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Elliott
Organization:
Address: [Withheld by requestor]
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
Zip: [Withheld by requestor]
Country: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

Our forest is our heritage.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11295.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:20:06AM

Solar Energy Development PEIS

Comment ID: SolarD11295

First Name: [Withheld by requestor]

Middle Initial: [Withheld by requestor]

Last Name: [Withheld by requestor]

Organization: morris county animal and nature council

Address: [Withheld by requestor]

Address 2:

Address 3:

City: [Withheld by requestor]

State: [Withheld by requestor]

Zip: [Withheld by requestor]

Country: [Withheld by requestor]

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Comment Submitted:

This is extremely important. Please?

Thank you for your comment, troy grant.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11296.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:20:26AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11296

First Name: troy
Middle Initial: e
Last Name: grant
Organization:
Address: east atlantic blvd
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: pompano beach
State: FL
Zip: 330606628
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

I will vote for any politician that promotes solar energy and opposes nuclear, oil and coal.

Thank you for your comment, Frances Kelly.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11297.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:22:03AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11297

First Name: Frances
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Kelly
Organization:
Address:
Address 2:
Address 3:
City:
State: [Withheld by requestor]
Zip: [Withheld by requestor]
Country: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

Instead of compromising wilderness areas, why not use industrial park rooftops or office building rooftops? If solar panels are safe enough for residential use, why not business centers?

Thank you for your comment, Ruth Anne Dayton.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11298.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:26:28AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11298

First Name: Ruth Anne
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Dayton
Organization: Ntl. Parks Conservation Assn.
Address: 3836 Sunview Dr.
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: Pgh.
State: PA
Zip: 152272635
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, Donna Costa.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11299.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:28:11AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11299

First Name: Donna
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Costa
Organization:
Address: 58 Wickes Ave
Address 2: Yonkers
Address 3:
City: Yonkers
State:
Zip:
Country:
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Attachment:

Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, Lisanne Freese.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11300.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:32:29AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11300

First Name: Lisanne
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Freese
Organization: NRDC, Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, BCI member
Address: [Withheld by requestor]
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
Zip: [Withheld by requestor]
Country: [Withheld by requestor]
Privacy Preference: Withhold address from public record
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Comment Submitted:

Our family cherishes open wild space. We visit National Parks, State Parks, Nat'l Monuments and BLM land regularly on vacation.

Power lines ruin views. Therefore, to keep the spectacular views we love, please use extreme sensitivity when placing solar energy components on natural resources.

Thank you.

Thank you for your comment, Margaret Brewinski.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11301.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:36:44AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11301

First Name: Margaret
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Brewinski
Organization:
Address: 1001 N Randolph St Apt 222
Address 2:
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City: Arlington
State: VA
Zip: 22201
Country: USA
Privacy Preference: Don't withhold name or address from public record
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Comment Submitted:

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Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Thank you for your comment, Rose Strickland.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11302.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:41:16AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11302

First Name: Rose
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Strickland
Organization:
Address: PO Box 8409
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: Reno
State: NV
Zip: 89507
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

Dear BLM,

I am very disappointed with the programmatic EIS on solar projects on public lands.

The proposed alternative does not provide for "environmentally responsible" alternative energy development, but instead will sacrifice healthy desert ecosystems to a for-profit and highly subsidized industrial use on up to 22 million acres of public lands.

The proposed alternative fails to narrow public lands acreage for potential solar sites or provide reasonable restrictions to avoid environmental damage, including prohibiting siting in areas of limited and/or overappropriated water resources or giving priority to projects proposed on already disturbed public and private lands.

The PEIS fails to consider viable, more cost-effective and less environmentally damaging alternatives, including distributed PV, increasing energy efficiency, and siting projects which do not require additional massive transmission facilities.

It fails to quantify or analyze impacts of the loss of carbon sequestration by existing ecosystems in the Mojave, Great Basin and Sonoran Deserts nor does it analyze increased carbon emissions from disturbance of desert lands.

It fails to require adequate mitigation or compensation for the loss of public lands and resources.

I strongly urge the BLM to start over and comply with NEPA requirements.

Rose Strickland

Thank you for your comment, Bethanie Petitpas.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11303.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:45:54AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11303

First Name: Bethanie
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Petitpas
Organization:
Address: [Withheld by requestor]
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
Zip: [Withheld by requestor]
Country: [Withheld by requestor]
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Attachment:

Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, Eric Burr.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11304.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:47:48AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11304

First Name: Eric
Middle Initial: L
Last Name: Burr
Organization: Coalition of National Park Retirees
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Address 2:
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City: Mazama
State: WA
Zip: 98833
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

As a retired national park ranger I'm only too well aware of the potential for compromising wildlife habitat surrounding parks and wilderness.

Thank you for your comment, Holly Kukkonen.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11305.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:50:12AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11305

First Name: Holly
Middle Initial: A
Last Name: Kukkonen
Organization:
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Address 2:
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City: Iowa City
State: IA
Zip: 52240
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

I am in favor of developing solar energy. Our nation and the whole world needs to get away from the use of oil for energy.
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Thank you for your comment, Scott Herman.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11306.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:50:47AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11306

First Name: Scott
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Herman
Organization:
Address: 89 Moss Glen Circle
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: Sacramento
State: CA
Zip: 95826
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, Karla Hader.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11307.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 11:54:14AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11307

First Name: Karla
Middle Initial: S
Last Name: Hader
Organization:
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City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
Zip: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

I believe solar and wind are important to relieve our dependency on oil, gas and coal.

Thank you for your comment, Gretta Zorn.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11308.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:03:28PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11308

First Name: Gretta
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Zorn
Organization:
Address: 407 Rittenhouse Court
Address 2:
Address 3: 407 Rittenhouse Court
City: North Brunswick
State: NJ
Zip: 08902
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy development sites should not adversely affect national parks environments.

Thank you for your comment, David Romain.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11309.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:03:55PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11309

First Name: David
Middle Initial: L
Last Name: Romain
Organization:
Address: [Withheld by requestor]
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

I am very much opposed to the use of parkland for the installation of solar farms, with large expanses of solar panels for large-scale production of electricity. I think the use of public land to produce energy should make that energy free for use in public facilities, such as the park facilities attached to the respective sites. Large-scale use of solar energy is quite inefficient. Furthermore, such large scale application would encroach on the use of such parkland for recreation and, in some cases dangerous or unsafe for public patrons of those parks.

Thank you for your comment, Barbara Carey.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11310.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:07:02PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11310

First Name: Barbara
Middle Initial: L
Last Name: Carey
Organization:
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Address 2:
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City: Bethesda
State: MD
Zip: 20814
Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

The sun's energy is offered to us free. We must use it to the full.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11311.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:09:57PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11311

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Last Name: [Withheld by requestor]
Organization:
Address: [Withheld by requestor]
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: [Withheld by requestor]
State: [Withheld by requestor]
Zip: [Withheld by requestor]
Country: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

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It is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Thank you for your comment, Dolores Pieper.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11312.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:10:10PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11312

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--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

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Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Edith Ogella.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11313.

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Comment Submitted:

We do not need to enter public lands for solar farms. We installed a solar unit on our home six years ago. The energy it generates meets the needs of five other homes. Why not equip every home in the sunny states with roof-top units? That would, I surmise, meet the needs of our country while the sun is shining. Wave generators would work for 24 hours, and wind power could compliment the both.

Thank you for your comment, Anthony Parisi.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11314.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:11:56PM
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Comment Submitted:

Our national parks need to have the most protection possible. In order to do this, we must use the best methods available so that the least amount of impact is felt. I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

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Thank you for considering these proposals and allowing me to express my opinion.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11315.

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Thank you!

Thank you for your comment, Ran Zirasri.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11316.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:16:31PM
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Thank you for your comment, DeDe O'Donnell.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11317.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:18:45PM
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Thank you for your comment, linda schmidt.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11318.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:23:35PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Comment Submitted:

I support solar energy, but why would we cut into parks or other national valued public lands? There is plenty of other property available

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11319.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:24:21PM

Solar Energy Development PEIS

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Comment Submitted:

There is no place for commercial solar energy (or any energy, for that matter) in the National Parks. Plenty of other areas are available for this purpose.

Thank you for your comment, JOSEPH McClain.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11320.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:26:00PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11320

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Comment Submitted:

As in all environmental issues, science should be the basis of decisions, not politics or deep pockets of corporations or Wall Street.

Thank you for your comment, State of Utah Utah.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11321.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:26:37PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Comment Submitted:



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April 16, 2011

Solar Energy Draft Programmatic EIS
Argonne National Laboratory
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Subject: Solar Energy Draft Programmatic EIS
RDCC Project No. 24480

To Whom It May Concern:

The State of Utah welcomes the opportunity to comment as a cooperating agency on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)/ Department of Energy (DOE) Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwestern States. While the state is supportive of the goals of renewable energy development in Utah, and generally supports the Preferred Solar Energy Development Program Alternative in the PEIS, there are some facets of the proposal that Utah does not support. (*See generally* "Energy Initiatives and Imperatives – Utah's 10-Year Strategic Energy Plan, found at <http://www.energy.utah.gov/governorsenergyplan/index.htm>)

The State of Utah objects to the provisions on Page A-29 of Appendix A involving a further review of lands with wilderness characteristics. Management of lands in Utah for wilderness characteristics is contrary to state law, and, as such, must be considered as part of any consistency review for BLM plan amendments (*See* SB221 2nd Sub, 2011 General Session of the Utah Legislature). In addition, Resource Management Plans have recently been finalized in Eastern and Southern Utah (Vernal, Price, Moab Monticello, Richfield and Kanab field offices), and management conditions for BLM field offices in Utah were thereby established. The PEIS must recognize this fact, and exempt these areas. Finally, the state objects to Secretarial Order 3310, and recommends the PEIS not refer to it in the final document.

The DPEIS proposes an exclusion for solar energy development for lands in Utah classified as Visual Resource Management Class III. VRM Class III provisions allow for some alteration to the visual landscape, so the State of Utah requests a detailed justification for this proposed provision. The DPEIS states that these lands "have been removed due to the high sensitivity and location proximity to Zion, Bryce, Capital Reef, Arches, and Canyonlands

National Parks.” Much in Southern Utah is in proximity to these parks, so a careful and detailed proximity analysis and visual effects examination is required, not a blanket allegation. Please provide this detailed examination of proximity, visual effects of solar energy development, and economic analysis for this proposed blanket exclusion in the Final PEIS. The state would also appreciate consultation on this issue in the interim.

The DPEIS proposes an exclusion specifically for lands in southeastern Utah for cultural resource issues. The state is fully cognizant of cultural resource management issues, and has a great track record in promoting responsible development of energy resources, while protecting cultural resources. (*See generally* <http://www.achp.gov/docs/NineMileCanyonAgreement.pdf>) This type of agreement is the very tool provided for by the National Historic Preservation Act in order to protect cultural resources in the event of a project such as solar energy projects. The state objects to this blanket exclusionary proposal, and requests the FEIS follow the intent of the NHPA, and provide for a consultation process to determine programmatic agreements for individual projects.

In addition, the State of Utah requests that the PEIS consider the recommendations found in the "Utah Renewable Energy Zone (UREZ) Phase I and II" reports. These reports identify solar energy development zones, specifically the Wayne, Grand, and Red Rock solar zones, which must be left available for potential solar development. (*See generally* www.energy.utah.gov)

The State of Utah also objects to the proposals in Appendix C to amend certain planning documents in Utah to totally exclude solar development without resolution of the issues raised by the state.

The State of Utah looks forward to working with you on the finalization of this PEIS. Please direct any other written questions regarding this correspondence to the Public Lands Policy Coordination Office at the address below, or call Judy Edwards at (801) 537-9023.

Sincerely,



John Harja
Director

Thank you for your comment, Ann Ewing.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11322.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:27:43PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Comment Submitted:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the US solar energy development proposals.

Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

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If the National Park Service deems a proposed project as unacceptable for any reason, then another location must be found. We have an obligation to preserve the best of our country's natural resources for future generations to enjoy!

Thank you for your comment, Al Burt.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11323.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:28:44PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Comment Submitted:

Keep solar fields and windmill farms OUT of our beautiful SW desert.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11324.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:35:12PM
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Comment Submitted:

I am writing to express great support for the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology. However, I am extremely concerned that, according to the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), there are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that present a clear threat to certain national parks. It is NPCA's belief that

- The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
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- The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

As a conservationist, I am encouraged by this type of clean energy development. As an NPCA supporter, I absolutely agree that any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, I agree with NPCA that it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Thank you for your comment, Ronald Herrmann.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11325.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:36:14PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11325

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Comment Submitted:

Please support solar power development responsibly; seek out the less obvious, less publicly accessible, less visible or prominent areas of public lands for solar use, and keep America the Beautiful (and it's public lands) - beautiful... just as the song title reminds us.

Thank you for your comment, County of San Bernardino County of San Bernardino.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11326.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:38:27PM
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Comment Submitted:

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RE: San Bernardino County Review and Comment on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwestern States (December, 2010)

Dear Ms. Resseguie and Ms. Summerson:

Thank you for providing us a copy of the above-referenced document. During the Administrative Draft stage, the County of San Bernardino (County) staff provided comments (September, 2010) outlining concerns that we have regarding the Solar Energy Development Program Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). Unfortunately, the comments from the County that were originally provided in our September, 2010 correspondence have not been adequately addressed. Thus, the County has reviewed the Draft PEIS and is providing the following comments:

1. Mitigation Lands

In other forums, the County has expressed its concerns about the mitigation for biological impacts that is consistently being required for renewable energy projects within the County. These concerns bear repetition here due to the significant amount of County land within the area considered in the PEIS.

First, the PEIS states on page 1-4, lines 20-24 that, "The BLM analysis in the PEIS is limited to utility scale solar development on lands administered by the BLM within the six-state study area. DOE's analysis considers all lands within the six-state study area because its support is not restricted to projects conducted on BLM administered lands." It further states on page 1-18, lines 21-23 that, "DOE will consider, as appropriate, the relevance of the analytical results for all lands in the six-state area, not just BLM-administered lands," and on page 1-19, lines 25-26 it states, "DOE may support solar projects within [Solar Energy Zones] identified by the BLM; on other BLM-administered lands; or on the other federal, state, Tribal, or private lands." Thus, although the PEIS will apply to projects that will have direct and indirect impacts upon "private lands," the PEIS does not appear to have adequately addressed and analyzed the direct and indirect impacts upon "private lands." The discussion of DOE's Alternatives contained in Chapter 7 fails to address this with any degree of specificity.

Second, the "Solar Energy Development Program Alternative" is the BLMs/DOEs stated preferred alternative. This alternative includes 21.5 million acres of BLM administered lands; with 1.76 million

acres of these lands within California (as shown in Table ES 2-1). Under this alternative, it is highly likely there would not be enough private land in the affected California-counties to be able to mitigate this amount of renewable energy project development. For this reason alone, the statement made on page ES-29, lines 21-23, regarding the "Solar Energy Development Program Alternative" (i.e. "BLM's Preferred Alternative"), that, "Simultaneously, it (i.e. this alternative) would provide a comprehensive approach for ensuring that potential adverse impacts would be minimized to the greatest extent possible," is unfounded.

This point is extremely important, and in fact critical to the County. The fundamental issue is that the wildlife agencies, specifically the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), have been requiring mitigation for desert tortoise to include the acquisition of private land and subsequent donation ("compensation") of the land to either BLM or CDFG. The mitigation ratio is generally three (3) acres of private land per acre (1) of development, but in projects involving critical habitat, has gone as high as a 5 to 1 ratio. While the two Solar Energy Zones (SEZs) within the County lie outside of critical habitat for desert tortoise, they do lie within identified habitat and are likely occupied. This has the effect of increasing the federal estate in the County, and taking private land off the tax rolls. The federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program does not provide funding to offset this loss of revenue. Most critically, and germane to the mitigation issue, is that a) private lands are diminishing in the County and will likely not exist in sufficient quantity to meet mitigation requirements, b) as private land is taken off the tax rolls, the ability of the County to maintain its infrastructure and supply services diminishes at the very time the solar developments will increase use of those very services, and c) the County, like all counties in California, is unable under state law to collect property tax (which might offset at least part of the loss and cost) on the capital investments made for solar developments as a result of State law exempting such development. The County has advocated that mitigation be changed to a development/mitigation fee in which the funds can be utilized to foster appropriate land management, improvement and research, and such has been authorized under SB-34, a recent state law. However, to date, the wildlife agencies have been unwilling to accept such mitigation except in addition to land compensation. We believe that the Solar PEIS could and should become a further advocate for bringing the mitigation issue to the fore, and proposing that mitigation be in the form of investments for improvement, recovery actions and research on listed and candidate species, and that land acquisition and increasing the federal estate be removed as a mitigation measure.

Third, the "Solar Energy Zone (SEZ) Program Alternative" would authorize solar energy development only in the identified SEZs (listed in Table ES 2-3). In addition to those listed, the BLM could decide later to increase or decrease the total SEZ area. The amount of BLM administered lands constituting the SEZ Program Alternative in California (as shown in Table ES 2-1) is 339,090 acres. This amount of acreage is more than twice the amount estimated by the "reasonably foreseeable (future) development." Mitigation requirements in California, in this case, could possibly exceed two or three million acres. Under this alternative, it is also highly likely there would not be enough private land in the affected California-counties to be able to mitigate this amount of renewable energy project development, unless our suggestions, above, were adopted.

Fourth, the "reasonably foreseeable development" scenario indicates that for California about 139,000 acres of BLM-lands and 46,000 acres of non BLM-lands could be developed. Mitigation requirements could be in-excess of .5 million acres (possibly up to one million acres or more). Under the "reasonably foreseeable development" scenario, it is therefore unclear as to the extent of mitigation lands required.

Fifth, if such mitigation lands, in their entirety, were to be private lands, then (for either of the two alternatives) there will not be enough mitigation lands; and for the reasonably foreseeable development scenario, it is highly probable that mitigation lands may be used up and not available for future

development projects. The scale would render vast portions of private land unavailable for future use and would severely limit the ability of future development to adequately mitigate its impacts. *[NOTE: An example of such potential cumulative impact is the Ivanpah SEGS Project.¹ The mitigation set aside for this 4,073 acre project is 8000 acres (at a 3:1 ratio). In the County, 8,000 acres represents five percent of the 140,000 acres of potential desert tortoise habitat held in private lands within the County. As stated above, the 'reasonably foreseeable development scenario alone could result in a need for more than 1.0 million acres of mitigation land, exceeding the available supply of private lands. Also, the SEZ Program Alternative as defined, could amount to three million acres of mitigation land. As a result, there are only three million acres of County private land in the West Mojave Plan Area (alone)].* This concern is validated, as the BLM has previously stated during the September 1, 2010 conference call that, "the PEIS is not identifying 'public lands' as mitigation lands. Nothing in the document specifies which type of lands (public vs. private) will be mitigation lands."

Given that the PEIS will apply to projects that will have direct and indirect impacts upon private lands, and given that nothing in the PEIS document specifies which type of lands (public or private) will be mitigation lands; therefore, the County recommends the following kinds of mitigation be included for consideration on any specific project:

- The land and wildlife management agencies determine an appropriate mitigation fee based on criteria associated with habitat replacement or other quantitative criteria. Such funds paid by the developer to a trust (such as currently exists under the auspices of the Desert Managers Group (DMG) and its MOU with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), who would dispense the funds to appropriate mitigation projects and measures. Issuance of the Revised Recovery Plan for desert tortoise is imminent (expected by May 1, 2011), and Recovery Action Plans (RAPs) will be developed for each recovery unit. Implementation will require funding, and such funding will be limited from appropriations, thus mitigation funds will be an appropriate and welcome source with which to proceed with carrying out the RAPs. We envision such funding would be used for projects such as fencing, habitat restoration, invasive weed control, hazard reduction where hazards contribute to tortoise death, research, monitoring, increased enforcement, and population augmentation with programs such as head starting.

The developer could acquire private rights that exist on public land. Since many BLM-administered lands have use entitlements associated with them (particularly through right-of-way authorizations, etc.), then in terms of fairness to land owners (private property owners) and renters, lessees, permittees, or holders of valid existing rights (public property) alike, both public and private lands should be analyzed, evaluated, and considered for identification as potential mitigation lands. This strategy would result in greater equity among all parties in that mitigation responsibility would be shared among public and private landowners, renters, permittees, or lessees.

It is recognized, as stated on page 2-26, lines 15-16, of the PEIS that comments previously provided suggest, ". . . that the scope of the PEIS include evaluation of development on other federal lands . . . state lands, and private lands." The comment above is not repeating this suggestion. Rather, the comment above is stating that federal lands (with use entitlements) need to be considered or utilized as mitigation lands in a similar manner as private lands. BLM, through the process of revising the Land Use Plans (Resource Management Plans) should identify those public lands that could be identified or offered as mitigation lands (separate, and aside from, 'exclusion areas'). Further, follow-on site-specific environmental analysis of solar energy projects needs to include, consider and utilize federal land as mitigation in a similar manner as private lands.

¹ <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/ivanpah/index.html>

Sixth, the County supports mitigation requirements that address the loss of historic and recognized land uses including dispersed recreation (OHV use or hunting), livestock grazing, and general public access to public lands. The County recommends that projects that remove areas of relatively flat, accessible land historically providing for grazing allotments, access routes to back country, and open OHV play should be mitigated by the dedication of other areas of public land to such activities or possibly the acquisition of lands that can be so dedicated.

In summary, the County recommends that the BLM/DOE identify and evaluate an additional alternative in the PEIS if the Final PEIS continues to endorse the use of private land acquisition and donation to the public estate. The additional alternative would be a "Solar Energy Zone (SEZ) Program at a scale commensurate with the Reasonable Foreseeable Development." This would provide an evaluation at a scale that balances the need to provide for renewable energy projects and at the same time could define a "realistic" extent of mitigation lands. Further, such an alternative could factor in both public and private lands as potential mitigation lands. This would also need to provide for replacement of grazing allotments, access routes, open OHV play areas, etc. by dedication of other areas of "public land" to such activities. This type of alternative could ensure that mitigation lands are available in the future, for other development proposals (i.e., projects other than renewable energy projects). The County's preferred alternative would be to shift mitigation to the charging of a development/mitigation fee which would provide for a suite of mitigation measures and could assure that such funding be spent on the highest priority projects with the highest expected benefit to the species for which mitigation is being sought.

A further alternative could also include identifying and evaluating additional Alternative SEZs in lieu of the Pisgah Peak and/or Iron Mountain SEZs.

2. Water

The Solar PEIS states (page 5-37, lines 22-24), "The six-state study area is largely composed of arid landscapes; thus water use by solar energy technologies is a significant consideration for water resources impacts and also requires the analysis of water and land management practices." Although identified as significant, the "water analysis" is lacking in the PEIS.

The PEIS states on page 5-39, lines 12-13, "In most areas, groundwater would likely be withdrawn from local aquifers to meet the project's water needs," and on page 5-37, lines 24-27, "acquiring reliable, long-term water supplies to support utility-scale solar facilities would entail either the acquisition of unallocated water supplies (depending on availability) or the conversion of existing water rights from current uses." Although it is presumed most water will come from groundwater basins, no evaluation of impacts to groundwater basins is included in the PEIS. Without clarity of impacts upon water resources, how can appropriate, applicable, realistic, meaningful mitigation measures be identified?

Unfortunately, the PEIS only provides "General Estimates of Water Requirements for Various Solar Power Plant Configurations" (page 5-45, Table 5.9-1). There is no link of these stated water estimates to actual water demand or to actual water availability (supply).

Also, the PEIS (page 5-46, lines 24-34) gives a series of "Potentially Applicable Mitigation Measures." These "measures" (which are basically "hopes" and "desires") are stated on pages 5-47 through 5-55. All of these "measures" describe what "should" occur or what is "hoped or desired" to occur, but have no substance as to what "can" or "will" occur regarding mitigation of significant impacts to water. "Measures" such as

- “Project developers should quantify water use requirements for project construction, operation, and decommissioning” (page 5-50, lines 7-8), and
- “The use of water should not contribute to the significant long-term decline of groundwater levels or surface water flows and volumes. Any project-related water use should not contribute to withdrawals that exceed the sustainable yield of the surface water or groundwater source.” (page 5-54, lines 39-42)

are stated as wishes, hopes, and desires; not compulsory requirements. Per the PEIS, these “measures” are identified as only “potentially applicable.” This means that significant impacts to water resources might not be mitigated.

Further, under County Ordinance 3872 (County Code § 33.06551 et seq.)², adopted in October 2002, groundwater withdrawals in unadjudicated basins that will harm the Groundwater Safe Yield are not permitted. Groundwater Safe Yield is defined in Section 33.06553 (i) as: “The maximum quantity of water that can be annually withdrawn from a groundwater aquifer (i) without resulting in overdraft (ii) without adversely affecting aquifer health and (iii) without adversely affecting the health of associated lakes, streams, springs and seeps or their biological resources.” The County and the BLM entered a Memorandum of Understanding in 2003 for implementation of Ordinance 3872 on public lands in the Mojave Desert.

In summary, as the entire Southwest has been in a severe drought this past decade and deliveries of imported water become increasingly unreliable, the PEIS must examine in detail the impact of solar energy development on water, including groundwater aquifers. The impacts upon water resources from solar energy projects will be significant, individually, and cumulatively. The PEIS must consider and evaluate the cumulative impacts on water supply throughout the desert in light on ongoing urban growth, reduced supplies, and the need to maintain the health of desert ecosystems. The water issue must be examined in total, and evaluation of all supplies and demands of water projected for the study areas must be evaluated. Only upon completion of such evaluation can appropriate, applicable, realistic, and meaningful mitigation measures be identified. “Mitigation” must be compulsory, rather than a “wish list” of actions.

Given the scarcity of water, and existing appropriations, the County recommends that the Final Solar PEIS must include an alternative or advocacy for the use of “dry” technology for development; and for the Pisgah SEZ specifically, we recommend that be the recommended form of development.

3. Endangered Species (and Special Status Species)

According to National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C § 4321 et seq.), the federal agencies are not required to implement mitigation measures. As a result, the PEIS (Chapter 5) only includes “Potential Mitigation Measures.” Thus this Chapter identifies “Potential Mitigation Measures” that “should be” implemented, but also may not be implemented. Further, pages 5-62 (Table 5.10-1), 5-96 (Table 5.10-2), 5-110 (Table 5.10-3), and 5-123 (Table 5.10-4) state that for the overall project evaluated in this PEIS, the ability to mitigate impacts to habitat, plants and wildlife, aquatic resources, and special status species (including threatened, endangered, sensitive, and rare species) is “relatively difficult,” and, “depends on the size of area development,” and “depends on site-specific conditions.” Thus, the PEIS is

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inconclusive as to the ultimate impact upon endangered (and special status) habitat, plant, and wildlife species. The ultimate impact upon endangered (and special status) habitat, plants, and wildlife species can only be determined at the project-specific evaluation level. Since the ability to mitigate impacts can only be determined upon identifying the size of area to be developed, and at the project-specific evaluation level, then the PEIS cannot conclude impacts to endangered (and special status) habitat, plants, and wildlife will be “mitigated;” nor make any conclusions about “impacts” to endangered (and special status) habitat, plants and wildlife.

The mitigation measure on page 5-131, lines 39-42, states, “If any federally listed threatened and endangered species are found during any phase of the project, the USFWS should be consulted as required by Section 7 of the [Endangered Species Act], and an appropriate course of action should be determined to avoid or mitigate impacts,” and the measure on page 5-134, lines 3-4 and 36-38, states, “The plan should include but not necessarily be limited to the following element, where applicable: . . . Measures to mitigate and monitor impacts on special status species developed in coordination with the appropriate federal and state agencies (e.g., BLM, USFWS, and state resource management agencies).” Relative to these particular mitigation measures, the County opposes the acquisition of habitat at a multiplied (e.g., 3:1) mitigation ratio for desert renewable energy projects because the scale of the proposed projects (as defined by the PEIS) would render vast portions of private land unavailable for future use and could severely limit the ability of future development to adequately mitigate its impacts. Instead, the County supports the implementation of an “in-lieu” fee program that will provide much needed funding for conservation, habitat restoration, implementing species recovery strategies, and predation control, but not be used to purchase vast tracts of mitigation lands or impose additional restrictions on public or private land.

4. Endangered Species (and Special Status Species)- Iron Mountain SEZ

The mitigation in Chapter 9 on page 9.2-14 states, “Consultations with the USFWS and CDFG should be conducted to address the potential for impacts on desert tortoise, a species listed as threatened under the [Endangered Species Act] and [California Endangered Species Act]. Consultation would identify an appropriate survey protocol, avoidance measures, and, if appropriate, reasonable and prudent alternatives, reasonable and prudent measures, and terms and conditions for incidental take statements.” In addition, the mitigation measure on page 9.2-13 states, “Pre-disturbance surveys should be conducted within the SEZ to determine the presence and abundance of special status species.” Relative to these particular mitigation measures, the County opposes the acquisition of habitat at a multiplied (e.g., 3:1) mitigation ratio for desert renewable energy projects because the scale of the proposed projects would render vast portions of private land unavailable for future use and could severely limit the ability of future development to adequately mitigate its impacts. Instead, the County supports the implementation of the “in-lieu” fee program mentioned above.

5. Endangered Species (and Special Status Species)- Pisgah SEZ

The mitigation in Chapter 9 on page 9.3-13 states, “Consultations with the USFWS and CDFG should be conducted to address the potential for impacts on the Mohave tui chub and desert tortoise species listed as endangered and threatened, respectively, under the ESA and CESA. Consultation would identify an appropriate survey protocol, avoidance measures, and, if appropriate, reasonable and prudent alternatives, reasonable and prudent measures, and terms and conditions for incidental take statements.” In addition, the mitigation measure on page 9.3-12 states, “Pre-disturbance surveys should be conducted within the SEZ to determine the presence and abundance of special status species. . . . A comprehensive mitigation strategy for special status species that used one or more of these options to offset the impacts of development should be developed in coordination with the appropriate federal and

state agencies.” Relative to these particular mitigation measures, as stated earlier, the County opposes the acquisition of habitat at a multiplied (e.g., 3:1) mitigation ratio for desert renewable energy projects because the scale of the proposed projects would render vast portions of private land unavailable for future use and could severely limit the ability of future development to adequately mitigate its impacts. Instead, the County supports the implementation of the “in-lieu” fee program mentioned above.

6. Infrastructure Impacts- Development-Operations-Funding

The PEIS only addresses “Transportation” from a narrowly defined perspective, that is: Traffic Hazards and Circulation/Capacity. The PEIS does not address “Transportation” from the “Development-Operations-Funding” perspective. Thus, the PEIS general mitigation measures on pages 5-257, lines 12-46, and page 5-258, lines 1-3, related to “Transportation” only focus on “Traffic Management Plans” and traffic hazards reduction. Additionally, the PEIS states in Chapter 9 on page 9.3-300, lines 29-34, relative to the Pisgah SEZ, “No SEZ-specific design features have been identified related to impacts on transportation systems around the Pisgah SEZ. The programmatic design features discussed in Appendix A, Section A.2.2, including local road improvements, multiple site access locations, staggered work schedules, and ride sharing, would all provide some relief to traffic congestion on local roads leading to the site. Depending on the location of the proposed solar facility within the SEZ, more specific access locations and local road improvements would be implemented.” Further, in Chapter 9 relative to Iron Mountain SEZ, the PEIS states on page 9.2-19, under SEC Specific Design Features, “None.”

Thus, the PEIS does not provide any information relative to how the proposed program (as defined in the PEIS) will impact “Transportation” from the development, operations and funding standpoints. No current mechanism exists to address the impacts these projects will have on public safety facilities and transportation infrastructure in the County. Large scale development existing in desert areas is already underfunded for public safety facilities because of significant federal ownership. Also, the proposed program (as defined in the PEIS) will only exacerbate impacts on the County’s limited financial resources. According to the County’s policy statement relative to these types of projects, the County is open to “a variety of approaches to address this issue, including targeted Development Impact Fees and/or direct mitigation in the form of developer constructed facilities, and is requesting that the state and federal energy and resource agencies (California Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Energy Commission, BLM, etc.) implement policies and procedures requiring developers of utility scale renewable energy projects to enter into mitigation agreements, pay appropriate fees, or develop other mechanisms to mitigate impacts on local agencies.” The County recommends including this language in the PEIS as mitigation.

Also, no current mechanism exists to address the impacts these project will have on the ongoing costs of providing adequate public safety and transportation services, as well as the loss of recreation and tourism revenue. Again, according to the County’s policy statement, the County is open to “a variety of approaches to address this issue, including Possessory Interest Tax, Federal Lease Revenue Sharing, Community Facilities District Formation, and others.” The County recommends including this language in the PEIS as mitigation. Preliminarily, it appears that the ongoing operation and maintenance costs will be addressed by a Possessory Interest Tax, which should approximate property tax revenue given the expected long term of a federal land lease.

7. Summary

The County has goals similar to a number of local county and city jurisdictions regarding renewable energy, including:

- 1) Encourage economic growth and job creation;
- 2) Conserve our unique natural resources;
- 3) Find the best balance to achieve both of the above;
- 4) Encourage sustainable renewable energy projects;
- 5) Require projects to pay their own way so our taxpayers don't subsidize them; and
- 6) Support practical mitigation strategies that do not consume excessive amounts of land.

We also have concerns similar to a number of local jurisdictions, including:

- 1) Large-scale project will result in lost economic opportunities. Tourism, mining, grazing, film industry, and recreational opportunities will be lost.
- 2) The current California Department of Fish and Game paradigm requires multiplying project lands by a ratio not found in any regulations or even a written policy. Some projects are hit with additive mitigation for different species. These lands also represent lost economic opportunity and thus increase the project impacts.
- 3) There is no clear path for local governments to have economic impacts addressed and mitigated. Costs to local infrastructure and public services are not fully addressed by federal agencies or the California Energy Commission.

Local governments support renewable energy, and we look forward to the positive economic impact the development of these projects can bring to our local economy. This proliferation of energy projects in the Mojave Desert require careful evaluation and consideration of the appropriate mitigation measures that are needed to protect the environment, future development, and the economy of our region. Because many of these projects will be built on federally-owned land or are under the jurisdiction of the California Energy Commission, local governments do not have control over them. Yet the projects result in impacts on local government infrastructure and services with no clear mitigation mechanism. As stated above, the PEIS does not adequately address these impact issues.

If you have any questions, regarding this letter, please direct them to Matt Slowik at mslowik@lusd.sbcounty.gov or call him at (909) 387-4237.

Sincerely,



CHRISTINE KELLY, Director
Land Use Services Department

Attachments:

- A Fair-Share Contribution Agreement-Solar Partners, LLC
- B County Policy
- C NACO Resolutions

cc: Brad Mitzelfelt, First District Supervisor
Gerry Newcombe, Deputy Executive Officer
Bart Brizzee, Deputy County Counsel
Judy Tatman, Supervising Planner, Land Use Services Department



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CONTRACTOR Solar Partners I, LLC (SPI); Solar Partners II, LLC (SPII); and Solar Partners VIII, LLC (SPVIII)

Federal ID No. or Social Security No. SPI – 20-8812461; SPII 36-4608152; and SPVIII 36-4608159

Contractor's Representative John F. Jenkins Stark, Chief Financial Officer

Address 1999 Harrison Street, #2150, Oakland, CA 94612 Phone (510) 550 - 8461

Nature of Contract: *(Briefly describe the general terms of the contract)*

This is a Fair Share Contribution Agreement between the County, the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, and Solar Partners I, LLC, Solar Partners II, LLC, and Solar Partners VIII, LLC regarding payment to the County and SBCFPD for fire protection and emergency response services for the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating Complex.

THIS IS NOT A CONTRACT
THIS IS A COVER
TRANSMITTAL ONLY

(Attach this transmittal to all contracts not prepared on the "Standard Contract" form.)

Approved as to Legal Form (sign in blue ink)	Reviewed as to Contract Compliance	Presented to BOS for Signature
Bart Brizzee, County Counsel	Department Head	
Date _____	Date _____	Date _____

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FAIR-SHARE CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT
By and among
THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT,
THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
And
SOLAR PARTNERS I, LLC,
SOLAR PARTNERS II, LLC, and
SOLAR PARTNERS VIII, LLC
Related to
FIRE-PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MITIGATION
FOR THE IVANPAH PROJECT

This Fair-Share Contribution Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into effective on the date of the last party’s signature below (the “Effective Date”), by and among (1) the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (“SBCFPD”), (2) the County of San Bernardino (the “County”) and (3) Solar Partners I, LLC, Solar Partners II, LLC, and Solar Partners VIII, LLC, each a Delaware limited liability company (collectively “OWNERS”, and together with the County and SBCFPD, the “Parties”, and each a “Party”).

RECITALS

A. OWNERS intend to develop, construct and operate a solar electric generating complex near Ivanpah Dry Lake, California, consisting of three separate power plants currently known as Ivanpah 1, Ivanpah 2, and Ivanpah 3 (each individually a “Project” and collectively the “Projects”) on approximately 3,272 acres in an unincorporated portion of the County described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

B. In order to mitigate potential fire risks and risks requiring emergency response and to ensure the orderly provision of fire protection and emergency response services as the Projects are built out, OWNERS intend to implement, during the construction and operations phases of the Projects, a Fire Prevention Plan and Emergency Preparedness Plan, copies of which have been provided to the County and are attached as Exhibit “B.”

C. With the input of the County, SBCFPD and OWNERS, SBCFPD has caused Stanley R. Hoffman Associates to prepare a study of the Projects’ impacts on fire protection and emergency response services. The version of that study as of the date of this Agreement, the

“Estimated Allocation of Fire Facility Costs to Proposed Solar Energy Installations Project #1210,” dated June 30, 2010 (as amended from time to time, the “Fiscal Impact Analysis”), is attached hereto as Exhibit “C.”

D. The Parties agree that this Agreement is intended to (i) implement the recommendations of the Fiscal Impact Analysis (as revised from time to time and except to the extent modified herein), (ii) dictate the terms upon which OWNERS shall fulfill their fair-share contribution requirements for any and all impacts to fire protection and emergency response services in connection with the development, construction, operation, maintenance, decommissioning and closure of the Projects, whether such services are provided directly by SBCFPD or pursuant to other arrangements entered into by SBCFPD, as well as inspections and periodic training related thereto, and (iii) to satisfy the requirements (except for the California Energy Commission reporting requirements in the verification portion of Docket No. 07-AFC-5 of the Conditions of Certification described as “Worker Safety -7”) imposed by the California Energy Commission in its Final Commission Decision on the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System, Docket No. 07-AFC-5 of the Conditions of Certification described as “Worker Safety - 7” and “Worker Safety – 8,” copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit “D.”

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Recitals Incorporated. The foregoing Recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

2. Fair-Share Contributions.

(a) **Annual Operations and Maintenance Costs.** OWNERS shall pay their percentage share of 32% in the case of Solar Partners II, LLC and 34% in the case of each of Solar Partners I, LLC and Solar Partners VIII, LLC of a fair-share contribution in the amount of \$377,000 (three hundred and seventy-seven thousand dollars) per annum to fully mitigate any and all operations and maintenance costs in connection with any need to provide fire protection and emergency response services to the Projects (“O&M Fair-Share Contribution”), payable annually, in arrears, commencing on the later of July 1, 2011, or the first day of the quarter

following the quarter in which any of the Projects commences commercial operations, and ending on the Termination Date, and prorated for partial years. The O&M Fair-Share Contribution shall be adjusted annually for each fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) in accordance with the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment Cost Index for Total Compensation (Not Seasonally Adjusted) for Private Industry Workers for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Riverside, California Census Region and Metropolitan Area ("ECI"). By way of illustration only, if the ECI for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 shows a five percent (5%) increase, the O&M Fair-Share Contribution for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, shall be increased by five percent (5%).

(b) **Capital Costs.** OWNERS shall pay their percentage share of 32% in the case of Solar Partners II, LLC and 34% in the case of each of Solar Partners I, LLC and Solar Partners VIII, LLC of a one-time fair-share capital contribution in the amount of \$409,000 (four hundred and nine thousand dollars) to fully mitigate the capital impact of any and all need to provide fire protection and emergency response services to the Projects ("Capital Costs") in two equal installments, the first on or before December 31, 2011 and the second on or before December 31, 2012.

(c) **Methods of Payment.** OWNERS shall pay the O&M Fair-Share Contribution and Capital Costs to SBCFPD in immediately available funds wired to the following segregated account: Bank of America Account: 1496150090 Reference: FNZ 590 IVAN

3. Refunds and Offsets

(a) **Revisions to Fiscal Impact Analysis.** SBCFPD and the County agree, to the extent not prohibited by law and the County Code, (1) to recalculate, in accordance with the methodology of the Fiscal Impact Analysis, and to charge and collect, fair-share mitigation fees, both capital and operating costs, for any new development located within the SBCFPD service territory in which the Projects are located. If such recalculations and offsets referenced in the prior sentence result in a reduction of the amount of the O&M Fair-Share Contribution and/or Capital Costs attributable to the Projects, County and SBCFPD shall, within thirty (30) days after (A) any of (i) entering into an agreement with the owners of the new development, (ii) the County's issuance of a Conditional Use Permit or (iii) action by the California Energy Commission requiring fair-share contributions of the type that are the subject of this Agreement,

give notice to OWNERS of such reduction and any refund or credit due. OWNER shall within thirty (30) days of such notice elect by notice to SBCFPD and the County to take any such refund or credit, as applicable, as either a cash reimbursement of any Capital Costs or as a credit against future O&M Fair-Share Contributions. All future O&M Fair-Share Contributions shall be reduced in accordance with the revised Fiscal Impact Analysis to the extent that new development projects are required to make fair-share contributions. The County's obligations under this Paragraph 3 shall continue until the date (the "Reimbursement Termination Date") which is the sooner of: (i) the Termination Date; or (ii) the date on which the County and/or SBCFPD have refunded or credited to OWNERS' mitigation fees under this subsection 3(a) equal to all amounts payable by OWNERS under Paragraph 2 during the term of this Agreement.

(b) **Credit for Certain Sales/Use Tax Payments.** In addition to any refunds or offsets determined under subsections 3(a) and 3(c), SBCFPD and San Bernardino County agree to offset against up to fifty percent (50%) of the Capital Cost, on a dollar for dollar basis, any sales/use tax generated from the Projects sourced to San Bernardino County pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, or similar legislation.

(c) **Credit for Certain Property Tax Payments** In addition to any refunds or offsets determined under subsection 3(a) or 3(b), up to sixty percent (60%) of the O&M Fair-Share Contribution, (recalculated as required), shall be offset, on a dollar for dollar basis, by any property and/or possessory interest tax revenue from the Projects. Tax revenue shall be calculated as an appropriate percentage of property and/or possessory tax payments made on Assessor Parcel Numbers ("APNs") for the Projects (current list of APNs attached hereto as Exhibit "F"). Tax payments shall be evidenced by payment amounts for such APNs as set forth on the County Tax Collector's website (<http://www.mytaxcollector.com/trSearch.aspx>, as it may be amended). Tax payments shall not include any amounts paid for penalties or interest. In the event any property tax refunds are issued for such APNs, the amount of property tax payments used to calculate tax revenue shall be reduced by the amount of the refund(s).

(d) **Provision of Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services.** Subject to the service constraints imposed by the current and developing status of fire and emergency service infrastructure, SBCFPD shall provide to the Project the level of fire protection and emergency response services that SBCFPD customarily provides to similar developments in the Project's service area and other service areas.

4. **Additional Conditions.** OWNERS shall develop the Projects in accordance with the terms of Fire Prevention Plan and Emergency Preparedness Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

5. **Term.** This Agreement shall be effective from the Effective Date, and shall continue in full force and effect until the Projects are abandoned or cease operations ("Termination Date").

6. **OWNERS' Right to Assign/Release.**

(a) **Permitted Assignees.** Upon at least ten (10) business days' advance written notice to County and SBCFPD, any OWNER may assign, pledge or transfer, in whole or part, all or part of its existing and prospective rights and obligations under this Agreement to any of the following entities (each, a "Permitted Assignee"): (i) any of its affiliates (defined as any person or party controlled by, that controls or is under common control with, OWNER; ("control" with respect to any person or party shall mean the ability to effectively control, directly or indirectly, the operations and business decisions of such person or party, whether by voting of securities or partnership interest or any other method); or (ii) in connection with any debt incurred or equity financing obtained for the Projects. County and SBCFPD agree, at any assigning OWNER's expense, to enter into such direct agreements and other documents as may reasonably be required or requested by such OWNER in connection with such assignment, pledge or transfer. The aforementioned notice shall contain the identity of the Permitted Assignee and, subject to the Permitted Assignee's reasonable confidentiality requirements, reasonable evidence of the Permitted Assignee's proof of financial capability.

(b) **Consented Assignees.** In addition, any OWNER may assign all or part of its rights and obligations under this Agreement to a person or entity other than a Permitted Assignee ("Consented Assignee"), provided that such OWNER obtains the prior written consent of the County and SBCFPD, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. The County and SBCFPD acknowledge and agree that the obligations and rights to reimbursement may be separately assigned and/or retained by OWNERS.

(c) **Release.** Upon the delivery to COUNTY and SBCFPD of an executed assignment and assumption agreement between any OWNER and either a Permitted Assignee or Consented Assignee, under which any OWNER assigns and such assignee assumes, all or part of

such OWNER's existing and prospective rights and obligations under this Agreement, such OWNER shall be released from all responsibility and liability under this Agreement with respect to such assigned and assumed rights and obligations.

7. Full Satisfaction. SBCFPD and the County agree that, in consideration of the timely payment of the O&M Fair-Share Contribution and Capital Costs pursuant to Paragraph 2, SBCFPD and the COUNTY, individually or jointly, shall not at any time bring:

(a) any claims against any of the OWNERS regarding payment for fire protection and emergency response services, or any associated inspections or periodic training the COUNTY or SBCFPD may deem necessary, or,

(b) any challenges or claims in connection with the California Energy Commission certification or licensing of the Projects or the Bureau of Land Management issuance of any right of way for the Projects; or,

(c) any claim for any other development impact fees of any kind arising from the COUNTY's constitutional police power to protect the public health, safety and welfare pursuant to the California Constitution Article XI, §7 (as it may be amended).

8. Governing Law. This Agreement and the rights and duties of the Parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed, enforced and performed in accordance with the laws of the state of California, without regard to principles of conflicts of law.

9. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall be deemed one and the same Agreement.

10. Interest on late payments. If any Party fails to make a payment within thirty (30) days of the date on which such payment was due, interest shall accrue on such outstanding amount at a rate of four (4) percent per annum.

11. Notices. All notices, requests, demands, and other communications required under this Agreement shall be in writing, in English, and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered (i) personally, (ii) by facsimile transmission with written confirmation of receipt, (iii) by overnight delivery with a reputable national overnight delivery service, or (iv) by mail or by certified mail, return receipt requested, and postage prepaid. If any notice is mailed, it shall be deemed given five business days after the date such notice is deposited in the United

States mail. Delivery shall not be deemed given by electronic mail. Any notice given by carrier method other than United States mail shall be deemed given upon the actual date of such delivery. If notice is given to a Party, it shall be given at the address for such Party set forth below. It shall be the responsibility of the Parties to notify each other Party in writing of any name or address changes.

If to Solar Partners II, LLC:

1999 Harrison Street, Suite 2150
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Chief Financial Officer
Telephone: (510) 550-8151
Facsimile: (510) 550-8165

If to Solar Partners I, LLC:

1999 Harrison Street, Suite 2150
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Chief Financial Officer
Telephone: (510) 550-8151
Facsimile: (510) 550-8165

If to Solar Partners VIII, LLC:

1999 Harrison Street, Suite 2150
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Chief Financial Officer
Telephone: (510) 550-8151
Facsimile: (510) 550-8165

If to COUNTY:

County of San Bernardino
385 North Arrowhead Ave., Fifth Floor
Attention: Chief Executive Officer
Telephone: (909) 387-5417
Facsimile: (909) 387-5430

If to SBCFPD:

157 West 5th Street, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0451
Attention: Fire Chief
Telephone: (909) 387-5948
Facsimile: (909) 387-5542

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

[Signature Page Follows]

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

▶ _____
Gary C. Ovitt, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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Gary C. Ovitt, Chairman
Board of Directors

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Of the County of San Bernardino

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OWNERS:

SOLAR PARTNERS I, LLC,
By: BrightSource Energy, Inc., as member manager

SOLAR PARTNERS II, LLC,
By: BrightSource Energy, Inc., as member manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 2010-144

**RESOLUTION REGARDING MITIGATION FOR IMPACTS TO HISTORIC AND RECOGNIZED
LAND USES FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OCCURRING ON
FEDERAL LANDS**

On Tuesday July 13, 2010, on motion of Supervisor Derry, duly seconded by Supervisor Mitzelfelt and carried, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California.

WHEREAS, the County of San Bernardino supports the development of renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the development of renewable energy will create much-needed jobs, expand the supply of clean energy to meet the needs of economic growth and population growth, and is critical for the state to meet its renewable energy goals; and

WHEREAS, the development of large scale renewable energy projects on public lands has unavoidable environmental impacts which are required to be mitigated; and

WHEREAS, wildlife impacts are mitigated by a variety of measures, including acquisition of private land and transfer to agencies; and cultural resources are mitigated by measures including avoidance or salvage; and

WHEREAS, other multiple use values generally receive only mention in the environmental documentation, but are seldom offset, replaced or otherwise mitigated; and

WHEREAS, many public use areas and activities are at risk as the agencies, both State and Federal, seek to fast track projects, and view wildlife mitigation as the primary focus of concern; and

WHEREAS, large scale solar energy projects remove huge areas of relatively flat and accessible land which has historically been essential parts of grazing allotments, contained the access routes to back country, or provided areas that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) designated as "open" for off-highway vehicle (OHV) play; and

WHEREAS, when large scale solar projects are sited in such areas, the area may become totally removed from multiple use activities, access may be cut off, and the previously permitted uses may cease, and

WHEREAS, some historic uses on public lands, such as grazing, can be mitigated through compensation or buy-out, though the effect will be a reduction from past use. There may be offsetting economic value from the energy project, but it is essential that benefits and losses both be weighed in the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process; and

WHEREAS, the issue is particularly acute relative to dispersed recreation use such as off-highway vehicle use; and

WHEREAS, failure to provide at least a degree of mitigation results in the sprawling of dispersed uses on to areas where they do not belong, or to areas of private land, encouraging trespass. Such creation by users will require engagement of law enforcement at high cost to both the land management agencies as well as local government; and

WHEREAS, providing such mitigation may have an overall positive impact since the area will have the benefit of the new use plus retention of all or part of the current use; and

WHEREAS, providing such mitigation will also reduce the effect on local law enforcement to patrol and control random use as the public seeks its own alternatives for use areas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the position of the County of San Bernardino that the California Energy Commission, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, and any state or federal agency that may have jurisdiction or input into renewable energy projects, shall, during project development and impact assessment, address such issues, and directly provide alternate access routes, even if such provision requires new construction to avoid the project area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that OHV open areas, if such areas have been legitimately provided for in BLM or Forest Service land use plans, should be similarly mitigated for, by designation of other appropriate areas or the acquisition of areas by the developer for such dedication and designation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Mitzelfelt, Biane, Derry, Gonzales

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: Ovitt

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO)

I, **LAURA H. WELCH**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the record of the action taken by the Board of Supervisors, by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board at its meeting of July 13, 2010. Item #29, ml.

LAURA H. WELCH
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-145

**RESOLUTION REGARDING ACQUISITION OF PRIVATE LANDS FOR WILDLIFE MITIGATION,
WITH SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER TO FEDERAL OR STATE AGENCIES AND/OR MANAGEMENT
BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

On Tuesday July 13, 2010, on motion of Supervisor Derry, duly seconded by Supervisor Mitzelfelt and carried, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California.

WHEREAS, The County of San Bernardino supports the development of renewable energy;
and

WHEREAS, the development of renewable energy will create much-needed jobs, expand the supply of clean energy to meet the needs of economic growth and population growth, and is critical for the state to meet its renewable energy goals; and

WHEREAS, the development of large scale renewable energy projects on public lands has unavoidable environmental impacts which are required to be mitigated; and

WHEREAS, large scale renewable energy projects on public land require large tracts of land, including habitat of threatened and endangered species, which must be mitigated; and

WHEREAS, wildlife agencies (State and Federal) have historically required the purchase of private land and its transfer to government agencies or non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as mitigation and "compensation" for projects that will occupy or impact species with status under Federal or State law or regulation; and

WHEREAS, such acquisitions remove private land from tax rolls and from potential future development, and, when the land becomes Federal, many counties not only lose the property tax revenue, they fall outside the limit of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) accounting; and

WHEREAS, more than 80 percent of the land in San Bernardino County is in federal ownership, and there is limited private land available for habitat mitigation, and if that land were used for mitigation it would irreparably harm the County in terms of property tax revenue and future economic growth; and

WHEREAS, large renewable energy development projects have highlighted the situation, made worse by some states, including California, providing tax exemption for renewable energy projects; and

WHEREAS, many projects are located in counties, including San Bernardino County, in which PILT payments are capped because of already large Federal estates; thus such transfers that add to the Federal estate do not receive PILT payment reflecting the expanded Federal holding. Further, since the acquiring agencies are usually the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or the U.S. Forest Service, counties cannot receive PILT under 31 U.S.C. Chapter 69, Sections 6904 or 6905; and

WHEREAS, some state wildlife agencies, including the California Department of Fish and Game, dictate compensation requirements, and donations are made to either the state or an NGO, and thus are outside the realm of PILT. However, most renewable energy projects have a Federal nexus, and thus Federal decision-making can affect the final mitigation package; and

WHEREAS, most projects utilize significant parts of local government infrastructure, including the use of county roads for project development, operation and maintenance. In addition a variety of other county services, including solid waste disposal, law enforcement, public health, and fire and emergency medical response may all come into play during the life of any project; and

WHEREAS, it is possible that revenue derived from renewable energy projects will not cover the cost of public services, and will not match the revenue lost from property tax and from future economic development.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors calls on state and federal resource and regulatory agencies with authority over renewable energy projects to adopt one or more of the following policies to minimize and mitigate impacts to local government from the loss of taxable and developable land and from the loss of revenue from such land:

- That such mitigation compensation be determined by an agreed upon land value (for undeveloped wild land in the region), and then determined in total. Such compensation would be a one-time payment by the developer, and such payment would then be distributed among agencies for a variety of conservation works associated with the species and habitat for which mitigation is being sought. (The California Energy Commission recent Memorandum of Understanding with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation could be model. This model has some shortcomings, however, in that it leaves land acquisition as a covered conservation activity, and excludes local government from decision-making.)
- That the project proponent transfer the land to the public agency or designated NGO, and the recipient, or successors in interest, would continue to pay property taxes, or an equivalent fee in lieu of taxes, in perpetuity, as though the land had not been transferred from private ownership. (In other words, such mitigation land would be treated as though it continued on the tax rolls, and would be taxed according to the rate in effect for each year going forward. This would provide revenue flow to local government regardless of receiving administrator.)
- That if compensation and the land transfer is to BLM or Forest Service, that the PILT formula be changed to provide for PILT payment each year to jurisdictions for the acreage transferred, regardless of caps imposed by population ceiling, or limitations in current law allowing only such payments (Section 6904 and 6905) to National Park Service and National Forest wilderness. The County further recommends if this alternative were adopted, the 5-year limit on such payments be removed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Mitzelfelt, Biane, Derry, Gonzales

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: Ovitt

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) ss.

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LAURA H. WELCH
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy

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NACO Resolutions

Resolution Regarding Mitigation for Impacts to Historic and Recognized Land Uses from Renewable Energy Development Projects Occurring on Federal Lands

Issue: Renewable energy projects, particularly large scale solar development, remove large blocks of land from the federal estate from historic multiple use activities, including dispersed recreation, livestock grazing, and general public access.

Adopted Policy: NACo requests the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service adopt policies that provide real and substantial consideration of historic uses in the project plans and environmental documentation, and commit project developers to providing mitigation for their loss.

Background: As renewable energy development expands, the potential exclusion of historic permitted uses on Federal public lands becomes more apparent. Some projects may be benign, such as wind energy on ridge lines. Other developments such as solar on flat accessible land, remove huge areas which have historically been essential parts of grazing allotments, contained the access routes to back country, or provided areas that BLM designated as "open" for OHV recreation. Ancillary facilities and safety closures, however, for all projects, may remove areas and access from previous uses.

Some uses, such as grazing, can be mitigated through compensation or buy-out, though the effect will be a reduction from past use. There may be offsetting economic value from the energy project, but it is essential that benefits and losses both be weighed in the NEPA process and the process commit the developer to providing such mitigation.

Access through project areas cannot be addressed by the market. Development plans must provide alternate access routes. OHV open areas, if such has been legitimately provided in BLM or FS land use plans, should be similarly mitigated for, by designation of other appropriate areas or the acquisition of areas by the developer for such dedication and designation.

Failure to provide at least a degree of mitigation can result in sprawling of dispersed uses to areas of private land, encouraging trespass, and requiring engagement of law enforcement at high cost to both the land management agencies as well as local government.

NACo does not oppose development of renewable energy on public land, but wishes to assure that the NEPA process and plan of development explicitly address historic use and commit the developer to mitigation.

Fiscal Urban/Rural Impact: Renewable energy development may or may not have positive impacts on the land and the area. Projects normally result in total exclusion of the public, but their output will provide energy, employment, and increase renewable portfolios required by many states. Mitigation for impacts and use loss may add to project costs. Providing such mitigation may have an overall positive impact since the area may benefit from the new use plus retain of all or part of the current use. Providing such mitigation will also reduce the effect on local law enforcement to control trespass use that could occur if mitigation is not provided.

Adopted July 20, 2010

Resolution on Acquisition of Private Land for Wildlife Mitigation, Associated with Renewable Energy Development, with Subsequent Transfer to Federal Agencies

Issue: Wildlife agencies (State and Federal) have required the purchase of private land and its transfer to government agencies or non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as mitigation for projects that will occupy habitat or impact species with status under Federal or State law or regulation. Such acquisitions remove private land from tax rolls. When the land becomes Federal, many counties not only lose the property tax revenue, they fall outside the limit of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) accounting. Large renewable energy development projects have exacerbated the situation.

Adopted Policy: NACo requests the land and wildlife management agencies adopt procedures that provide for project mitigation other than through land transfer from private to public ownership. When such transfers are deemed the only appropriate mitigation, and offsetting PILT will not occur, then agencies must provide that project developer would continue to pay the property tax on the transferred land, or fees in lieu of taxes, in perpetuity, unless the land were restored to private ownership at a future date.

Background: The land and wildlife management agencies have sought land mitigation for impacted habitat for a variety of species, mostly those with listed status under the Endangered Species Act. Such mitigation often is required at a multiplied factor, e.g. 3:1, in which the project developer must “donate” a multiple of private land to the permitting agency or designated entity as mitigation. Such land is removed from the tax rolls.

Many projects are located in counties in which PILT payments are capped because of already large Federal estates; thus transfers may add to the Federal estate and counties do not receive additional PILT payment reflecting the expanded Federal estate. Further, since the acquiring agencies are usually BLM or the Forest Service, counties cannot receive PILT under Sections 6904 or 6905.

Most projects utilize significant parts of local government infrastructure, including the use of county roads for project development, operation and maintenance. In addition development may use other county services, including solid waste disposal, law enforcement, public health, and fire and emergency medical response during the life of the project.

Offsetting the loss of tax base must become an essential part of renewable project mitigation, even when mitigation land is transferred to a state agency or NGO. Mitigation should be accomplished by project developers depositing funds for use to provide other kinds of mitigation investment equivalent to the amount that might otherwise be invested in land acquisition.

Expand current PILT requirement that only additions to the Federal estate by NPS or in National Forest wilderness can receive payment under Section 6904. If such change were made, remove the 5-year limit on such payments.

Fiscal Urban/Rural Impact: While development may provide some positives to local economies, local governments should not be left with losses and costs associated with the project. The policy will assure a steady revenue stream regardless of mitigation requirements as well as funding for county infrastructure and services.

Adopted July 20, 2010

Thank you for your comment, anne rossiter.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11327.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:41:30PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11327

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Comment Submitted:

I approve of using federal lands for renewabl energy

Thank you for your comment, O. Ruiz.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11328.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:42:07PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11328

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Comment Submitted:

With some revisions I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology. Right now there are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument. So any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for taking the time to speak up for responsible solar development that protects our national parks. Your action today will help make a difference!

Sincerely,

O. Ruiz

Thank you for your comment, Margo Vanderhill.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11329.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:44:10PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11329

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy can be a real benefit to the environment in general and to the environments of the the National Parks. The solar energy farms should be sited with regard to environmental considerations and esthetic effect.

Thank you for your comment, Tina Mizhir.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11330.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:48:57PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11330

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Comment Submitted:

--Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

- * The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
- * The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.
- * The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- * Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Georgia Braithwaite.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11331.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:50:35PM
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Comment Submitted:

There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks. The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Nancy Neilsen.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11332.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 12:59:03PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11332

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Comment Submitted:

I believe strongly, in the advancement of solar energy development. I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

-As I understand it there are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

I think together we can accomplish the goal of developing solar energy and maintaining our parks integrity.

Sincerely,

Nancy R. Neilsen

Thank you for your comment, Dorothy Oakes.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11333.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 13:01:47PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11333

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Comment Submitted:

Installing solar energy is a laudable effort.

Once amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

However, there are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

- >The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
- >The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.
- >The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- >Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment

Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Since scenery is one of the reasons I visit the western National Parks, I would not care to see it marred by these proposed solar energy facilities.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Oakes

Thank you for your comment, Lora Schwartzberg.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11334.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 13:03:14PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11334

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Comment Submitted:

If amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology. I feel the amendments are needed in four proposed Solar Energy Zones that threaten our national parks: the Riverside East SEZ and the Iron Mountain SEZ, which would impact Joshua Tree National Park), the Amargosa Valley SEZ, which will impact Death Valley's wilderness and water resources, and the Red Sands SEZ which would impact White Sands National Monument. Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is imperative that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Demelza Costa.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11335.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 13:07:07PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11335

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Comment Submitted:

What's needed is a common sense approach that protects these spectacular places, their abundant wildlife, pristine night skies, clean air and water resources. This means eliminating or reconfiguring the boundaries of SEZs that would disrupt wildlife corridors, cause air and light pollution, impair spectacular vistas and drawdown water resources. It should also mean prohibiting the siting of new SEZs or new solar development in general from at least 15 miles from national parks unless the National Park Service determines that development does not unacceptably impact park resources.

Thank you for your comment, Michael Cloud.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11336.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 13:10:59PM
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Comment Submitted:

Once amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks:

- The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
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Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Aileen Renner.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11337.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 13:12:00PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11337

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy is our future. Other contries are surpassing us in technology. The president just said that on TV! Save the Earth!

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11338.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 13:14:20PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11338

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Comment Submitted:

Solar power is non disruptive for our world, if done right. We must get off not only foreign oil but all fossil fuel and all other dirty or dangerous energy sources. Thank you

Thank you for your comment, Mary Ellen Bowen.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11339.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 13:16:48PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11339

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Comment Submitted:

What's needed is a common sense approach that protects these spectacular places, their abundant wildlife, pristine night skies, clean air and water resources. This means eliminating or reconfiguring the boundaries of SEZs that would disrupt wildlife corridors, cause air and light pollution, impair spectacular vistas and drawdown water resources. It should also mean prohibiting the siting of new SEZs or new solar development in general from at least 15 miles from national parks unless the National Park Service determines that development does not unacceptably impact park resources.

Thank you for your comment, diana kekule bastron.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11340.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 13:33:44PM
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THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO RAISE THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF HUMANITY.

Thank you for your comment, Charles Maddoxce.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11341.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 13:34:17PM
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Thank you for your comment, Steven Tempelman.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11342.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 13:42:58PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Thank you for your comment

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Comment Submitted:

Our family supports solar power energy zones that won't compromise national parks lands and wildlife.

Thank you for your comment, Benjamin Martin.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11344.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 13:47:14PM
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Comment Submitted:

I am happy to see Solar projects moving toward approval. These projects need to be approved and constructed as swiftly as possible to move our country away from damaging resources such as oil, gas, and coal. There are however places that need to be preserved so the sites of these projects must be considered carefully. I would suggest using sites that have already been disrupted by resource extraction and convert them to renewable energy. It would be much more beneficial to halt drilling, mining and fracking and replace it with solar and wind than to disturb pristine land that is essential to wildlife and the ecosystem.

Thank you for your comment, Richard DiMatteo.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11345.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 13:49:39PM
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The need for finding sites for utilizing solar energy must be filled with responsible parameters for placing these facilities in ways that do not harm state and national parks. So I recommend the following

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Thank you for your comment, William Tepper.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11346.

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Comment Submitted:

It is not a bad idea. However, it must be done in a way that it does not detract from the site or become a hindrance.

Thank you for your comment, Linda Winkler.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11347.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 13:52:17PM
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We need to further our sustainable energy sources, and it is up to the government to encourage the development of the industry. Tax incentives at both the commercial and residential levels should be considered; fossil fuels should be increasingly taxed to discourage their use and to aid the transition to clean energy sources such as solar power, wind energy, and water. Solar energy has so much potential which is currently being wasted. Please consider ways to implement the use of solar power for all Americans.

Alternative energy sources will provide new jobs in a blossoming industry, and keep the pollution from becoming worse, both of which are extremely important now.

Thank you for your comment, Mollie Schierman.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11348.

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy our heritage.

Thank you for your comment, Barbara Lafaver Gleason.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11349.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 14:06:37PM
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Comment Submitted:

I believe in solar energy, but there must be safeguards to wildlife and sensitive desert ecology.

Thank you for your comment, Carol Gault.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11350.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 14:06:58PM
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Comment Submitted:

Solar Power is great but it should be placed in an area that doesn't interfere with the parks other functions, preservation, wildlife management and tourism. Use the buildings already in place for the concessions and rangers for solar cell placement. Don't fill up all the empty places that are disappearing so rapidly in our country, leave places for the "buffalo (even though they are bison) to roam" and the desert tortoise to amble, and migrating birds to fly

Thank you for your comment, Karl Sundstrom.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11351.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 14:21:59PM
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Comment Submitted:

This is the future!

Thank you for your comment

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To whom it may concern,

I have been a resident of Indio, California for 4 years now while spending most of my childhood and early adult hood in Phoenix, Arizona. I have spent many hours on the I10 Freeway enjoying the vast beauty of the desert. I believe the project for green solar should be reviewed on a smaller scale, with a more logical plan to assess the outcomes of some of the proposed areas to put these issues to rest.

The implementation of green solar is important and necessary; however, the proposed scale of destruction is far too large for desert supporters to sleep at night. I do not believe the amount of construction proposed is absolutely necessary and shows a lack of compassion for the areas targeted. The immense payoff of the operation has sunk its teeth in the supporters and they are hiding behind the 'creation of jobs' logic.

The implementation of solar energy will be around for decades to come. Unfortunately, the battle between sides will continue to struggle as it seems as though no one is willing to meet in the middle, on common ground. The expectation that the entire desert should be left alone is a fantasy and I am aware of that, but the first stages of this solar plan should be minimized and analyzed accordingly. The world needs new energy plans and needs to execute the plans as soon as possible but as the saying goes, 'slow and steady wins the race'.

The belief that we need solar energy is correct, however, the scale of the proposal is far too large for all parties involved. If you expect to destroy vast desert lands and homes to many, you cannot expect that the everlasting effect will be minimal. The lands are inhabited by many, and to all of them, the desert land is not considered wastelands, it is considered home. Although we need green energy and solar implementation, we cannot destroy important pieces of human history and homes of many species on that large of a scale. To blanket 80% of the remaining PUBLIC desert lands is astronomical. The desert lands are a perfect place for green energy, and they are also a perfect place for the animals, plants and the historical value that occupy it. There needs to be a mutual agreement so that the desert solar can go into effect on a much smaller scale, to protect all that would be involved. It doesn't make sense to destroy that amount of desert land to promote clean energy.

I would like to believe that the efforts are genuine, to save the world from the inevitable demise. They are correct in stating it will create more jobs, but it will also blanket an entire civilization whether it is developed to your standards or not. Please consider the other side of the coin before covering an entire area with equipment. Begin small and consider the information you obtain, once that is done everyone will be able to weigh the positive and negative forces equally.

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Thank you for your comment, Ken Dawdy.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11353.

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Comment Submitted:

I stongly support solar energy development as long as it doesen'g conflict with National Park values.

Thank you for your comment, Donna Charpied.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11354.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 14:39:21PM
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Apparently, BLM continues this cruel model to aid in the destruction of rural/poor/minority communities.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Thank you for your comment, Donna Charpied.

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reforms. Environmental justice proponents generally view the environment as encompassing 'where we live, work, and play' (sometimes adding learn and pray). The movement seeks to redress inequitable distributions of environmental burdens (pollution, industrial facilities, crime, etc.) and access to environmental goods (nutritious food, clean air & water, parks, recreation, health care, education, transportation, safe jobs, etc.) in a variety of situations.

In 1984, a report by Cerrell and Associates, commissioned by the California Waste Management Board outlined the communities most vulnerable and therefore easiest to site polluting facilities near, outlined those communities we refer to as Environmental Justice Communities. The report suggested that the Waste Board should... "target communities with less than 25,000 people, and where the residents are old, poor, politically conservative and Roman Catholic." That description certainly applies to the Eagle Mountain, Desert Center, and Lake Tamarisk communities where this project is proposed. The report goes on to state, "All socioeconomic groupings tend to resent the nearby siting of major facilities, but the middle and upper socioeconomic strata possess better resources to effectuate their opposition."

Apparently, BLM continues this cruel model to aid in the destruction of rural/poor/minority communities.

Energy laws before Congress aren't taking into account the economic realities of working people. Proposals such as Cap-and-Trade would target coal-intensive states, home to millions of America's working families and low-wage earners. Regardless of the environmental reasoning, such proposals would cause the price of electricity to rise drastically.

Renewable Energy proposals raise the same challenge. Many states are ill-equipped to take advantage of renewable energy sources such as solar and wind in an affordable way. In these states, working people will be forced to pay higher energy bills due to federal penalties assessed to energy producers and passed on to customers.

Research shows that higher energy prices have a greater impact as income decreases. This means that the most economically vulnerable Americans will suffer disproportionately. This is neither morally just nor politically fair.

In conclusion, we strongly encourage you to choose the NO ACTION alternative.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Charpied ✨
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Thank you for your comment, Deidre Moderacki.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11357.

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As Climate Change continues we will need more and more forested acres if we are to try to balance out our environment. With this in mind, no plans to destroy more wilderness should be considered until all the existing open areas already within fully developed areas are utilized. Solar panels can easily be erected along train lines, around sports areas, over mall parking fields to name a few. Making the planet hotter by cutting down more trees to set up solar panels for energy will not help.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11358.

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--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

- The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
- The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.
- The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Jean Naples.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11359.

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Comment Submitted:

I am writing with the following comments as there are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.

The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.

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Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

Also, any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Please work to ensure that the construction of any national solar energy project is in harmony with its natural surroundings. This benefits everyone and all wildlife in the USA.

Thank you for your comment, Martha Richardson.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11360.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 14:58:48PM
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Comment Submitted:

--Once amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

These are the areas which are of concern and need to be amended properly.

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The wilderness experience should not be diminished by the placement of solar panels, or the disruption of wildlife or its habitat to accommodate this energy. I am strongly in favor of using it appropriately.

Thank you for your comment, Barry De Jasu.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11361.

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be given full attention. Subsidy money should be redirected from oil, coal and nuclear and given to solar and other green energy technologies.

Thank you for your comment, Nathan Kagan.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11362.

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Comment Submitted:

<http://democracyinactionblog.com/2011/04/12/happiness-and-budget/>
What makes us happy? Nature is our foundation as species.

Thank you for your comment, Gary Thaler.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11363.

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Comment Submitted:

Dear Decision Maker,

Please ensure that solar energy infrastructure building does not endanger environmentally at-risk areas of public lands in the states being considered for these installations. On behalf of the preservation of our country's irreplaceable natural resources and we citizens who are vitally concerned with this sacred responsibility, I thank you.

Sincerely,
Gary Thaler

Thank you for your comment, Eric Fosburgh.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11364.

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Thank you for your comment, Elizabeth Guzynski.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11365.

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Comment Submitted:

I am very much in favor of solar energy and would STRONGLY encourage its use on roof tops of all commercial buildings and providing benefits to private installers of solar energy devises.
It worries me to think of doing anything to our National Parks. There is so much that we can do with out using or harming our park systems. Please consider these remarks.

Thank you for your comment, Nervo Viviane .

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11366.

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Solar Energy : yes !

Thank you for your comment, ELI PATSIS.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11367.

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Comment Submitted:

For the sake of our only home---planet earth---we need to reduce our distructive efforts for more oil and use the wind and sun which are available with minimal damage to the earth. We need, also, to reduce population growth---humanity is overwhelming our resources.

Thank you for your comment, Ludger Wilp.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11368.

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Solar energy panels grow in Germany like mushrooms.

Thank you for your comment, Marina Baker.

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Comment Submitted:

Hello - just a quick note to say that I support any solar projects, as long as they don't harm our national parks.
Thank you for your time, if you wish to reply, email is best.
Thank you!
Marina

Thank you for your comment, Terry Vaccaro.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11370.

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We need to get away from depending on oil and things from other countries.
Solar energy is the best way.

Thank you for your comment, Thomas Singleton.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11371.

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Sincerely,
Thomas Singleton

Thank you for your comment

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Thank you for your comment, Ingrid Crickmore.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11373.

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Comment Submitted:

I have two main comments regarding this PEIS. One is an overarching argument against the sacrifice of unspoiled or even little-spoiled wild public lands to industrial development, especially to the types of risky and unproven large-scale solar projects currently being proposed.

My second comment is to strongly protest any plan for impacting the areas around the Iron Mt.s of s. California.

1. Most currently proposed solar projects in the California desert are based on technology that is already outmoded or has suddenly become prohibitively expensive in comparison to photovoltaic generation situated near or in the area it will be used.

All these technologies including photovoltaic are untested in large-scale desert environments where they will be subject to extremes of wind-blown sand and dust.

Monetary incentives and pre-authorized zones of development will encourage a huge rush of inappropriate commercial development that is all too likely to become yet another desert boondoggle, and on a scale of destruction that dwarfs all previous western mining-of-investors/taxpayers-pockets while trashing public lands.

It is becoming clearer with every study that renewable energy should NOT be located far from the point where it will be used. It is a more appropriate use of public funds to encourage solar and wind development on disturbed land, including private land, near and in the cities where the power will be used.

Publicly owned arid lands in the west are our largest and last reservoirs of natural biodiversity--not only for us as a nation, but possibly for the whole world (excluding tundra, which is itself critically endangered by global warming). Current research suggests that carbon sequestration in DESERT areas is equal to or higher than that of rainforest
http://www.ecostudies.org/press/Schlesinger_Science_13_June_2008.pdf

--this may partly be due to the complex botanical/biological nature of what most people think of as "wasteland".

The effect on our environment of scraping bare these rich carbon-sequestering areas to make large-scale solar factories with outmoded technology (that will use up almost as much energy as they produce by the time construction, maintenance and transmission costs are factored in) is likely to be completely negative.

Additionally, the harm to our still-functioning complex biodiverse ecosystems and species will be irreparable. Once a large functioning ecosystem is fragmented by development, breakdown of natural processes, migration routes, interdependent species etc inevitably occurs. Furthermore, the developed areas then "invite" further development, becoming an ipso facto argument against further protection, since they are now no longer "pristine".

I live in California and am most familiar with California desert areas, but my concerns regarding industrial solar development in unimpacted, wild public lands extends to other states as well. I have backpacked and botanized in many other western states, and those areas are equally deserving of longterm protection.

In California, the BLM desert districts are specifically mandated to be managed for conservation, which should preclude industrial development, especially on the scale of energy projects currently approved and proposed, and the size and pristine locations of the PEIS solar zones.

2. Iron Mts

The Iron Mts are a proposed wilderness area, an important Desert Bighorn Sheep area and link in their migration routes between the Calumet Mts and the Old Woman Mts. I have camped, hiked and backpacked in the Iron Mts. They are gorgeous wild rugged areas with amazing views, large natural tinajas (natural water-holding basins in otherwise seasonally dry canyons) used by bighorn sheep and other wildlife, especially birds. We still haven't seen the bighorn sheep there in the flesh, but their sign (trails and scat) is everywhere, especially in the rocky canyons and near the tinajas. The mt. range is small, as are the other mt. ranges nearby that the Bighorn also use, and their vitally important migration routes across to these other ranges would be threatened by any development in the proposed PEIS Iron Mts areas.

On the east side of the range the proposed solar zone covers an important historic area--a General Patton' WWII training camp. This is the most visually interesting of any of these WWII training areas--encompassing acres and acres of mysterious rock-lined "avenues" and "yard" or tent area demarcations intricately laid out with desert rocks cleared from the surroundings. These impeccably straight lines of hand-laid rocks go through the desert shrubs and washes, and are almost invisible from a distance. They emerge into view seemingly magically when one is on the site.

There are at least 2 "chapels", one is a small, beautifully worked single-wall structure with a mosaic-like cross of rocks imbedded in it. Another amazing feature is a fenced in war-games contour map of the surrounding desert ranges--dug into and constructed of rock and dirt, which Patton and his troops used as a strategy-planning area for their military exercises. To my knowledge, nothing like this is left in any of the other known areas that his battalions camped and trained in.

The rest of the proposed PEIS Iron Mt solar areas extend up and around the range north and west and not only cut off bighorn sheep routes between the surrounding ranges but also impact the viewshed from the several wilderness areas of these ranges. Furthermore the whole area between these mountains is highly impacted by blowing sand from both the Bristol Dry lake right next to the Irons, and the Rice Valley dune area to the east. Intermittent low dunes and seasonally muddy and dry alkali flats cover the area to the north of the Irons and fierce sandstorms are generated off them regularly. This is NOT a good area to erect mirrors or photovoltaic panels for solar energy generation--it is a natural sandblasting area. This is actually true for the whole PEIS proposed Iron mt area. Even the Patton's camp area gets sandstorm activity, though it has less blow sand than to the north. As an amateur botanist, I can attest to the rich botanical biodiversity that these rugged extremes produce--the amazing wildflowers and shrubs that grow in these rocky, sandy, and alkali areas belie the average citizen's idea that there are "no plants" in areas where one doesn't see any trees.

This huge remote area is inappropriate for industrial solar development both for economic, common-sense reasons and for the conservation of irreplaceable natural and historic resources. I strongly feel that the exact same arguments probably are true for almost all the PEIS proposed energy-development zones on pristine lands.

Solar development does not have to be in the desert--Germany has no desert and has put in more solar power generation than all the proposed California desert solar facilities, most of it in or near cities. Any reduction in solar radiation is probably more than made up for by ease of maintenance and lower losses from long-distance transmission lines.

Sincerely,
Ingrid Crickmore

Thank you for your comment, Fred Krohn.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11374.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 15:38:02PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11374

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Comment Submitted:

The whole point of replacing current fossil-fuel energy with geothermal, solar, wind, and oceanic energy is to insure the survival of all native plant and animal life, not just humans. If the animals die when relocated, relocate the energy facility instead. If vegetation interferes with an installation, build elsewhere. We should feel as if we belong to the world, not that the world 'belongs' to humans; we're only temporary tenants at best. We should leave a livable world for the next renter.

Thank you for your comment, Bob Jorgensen.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11375.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 15:43:24PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11375

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Comment Submitted:

Making our National Parks into islands of self-sustaining energy generation and use is a Golden Goal! It will keep the parks clean and pristine and be an example for visitors to see.

Thank you for your comment, Dena Sher.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11376.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 15:50:08PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11376

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Comment Submitted:

Our National Park system is so special and unique that it's protection is vital. Although I believe strongly in alternate energy sources, our national parks should not suffer damage in the pursuit of new energy production.

I urge careful consideration of the new sites selected for the producing windpower.

Thank you for your comment, Linda Chambre.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11377.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 15:50:31PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11377

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Comment Submitted:

Please do not put these solar panels where they will be in the way.

Thank you for your comment, Melanie Blackburn.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11378.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 15:56:36PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11378

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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, Elizabeth Havens.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11379.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 15:58:10PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11379

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Last Name: Havens
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Comment Submitted:

Greetings,

I hit send on the wildlife page too quickly and didn't get to say what I really wanted to say, so consider this an extension of a former comment please.

I'm fairly fond of the desert tortoise, they are a fairly hardy species even if they are on the endangered lists. I just want to suggest that there are some fairly easy solutions to limiting impact on their habitat, and actually a few good ways to help them unintentionally. And still do all we want to with renewable energy!

My grandmother had a herd of them move into her garden when she lived in China Lake NWC, Two reasons. One she grew grapes in the yard, Two, she had an old chicken coop that the tortoises dug under the fence to hang out in and lay their eggs. I know not everyone will think this a really great idea, but really, doesn't hurt to have the kind of fencing that tortoises can get under but Coyotes can't, to raise cells off the ground so that animals can move about freely (not to mention keeps the coyotes and such from messing so much with equipment, they can only raise a leg so far. ;-)) and not lose all their roaming around space, and where you have a small green space, Grapes are a Great plant to grow, they make good shade on an arbor and supply food to an animal that is endangered. really, something to think about. Anyway thought I'd put in my two cents in remembrance of Grandma's old hard shelled friends.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you for your comment, Ron Kloberdanz.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11380.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:00:57PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11380

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Comment Submitted:

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- * Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Nancy Wang.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11381.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:05:25PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11381

First Name: Nancy
Middle Initial: A
Last Name: Wang
Organization: Eth-Noh-Tec
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Comment Submitted:

Do not share my information, thank you.

Once amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

It is counter-ethical and counter-intelligent to injure any other resources or entities to provide solar energy for humans who have already injured the Earth's resources and other living creatures. Solar is good. Make it good in every aspect. Thank you.

Thank you for your comment, William Hance.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11382.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:09:17PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11382

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Comment Submitted:

I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

Thank you for your comment, jeffery dorer.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11383.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:09:18PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11383

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Comment Submitted:

In moving to clean, renewable energy sources, we have to focus on why we're doing it: to meet our energy needs in a way that's minimally impactful to the world and its natural systems. And so any implementation that develops previously unspoiled land or denies wildlife the right-of-way would be painfully ironic and should be reconsidered.

Thank you for your comment, Wendy Oser.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11384.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:12:33PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11384

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Comment Submitted:

Yes, yes, yes to solar development

Thank you for your comment, Linda Jagielo.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11385.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:14:28PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11385

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

Thank you for your comment, Lori Bryan.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11386.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:25:13PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11386

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Comment Submitted:

Please keep solar energy development in appropriately sited zones that won't affect wildlife, water resources, archeological sites, and anything that might harm our national parks.

Thank you for your comment, Katherine Weed.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11387.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:29:26PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11387

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Comment Submitted:

All comments below are to reduce impact on wildlife and beauty of parks and wilderness: Please reconfigure Riverside Ease SEZ, remove Iron Man SEZ, remove Amargosa Valley SEZ for Death Valley also to protect desert wetlands, and remove Red Sands SEZ. My husband and I have visited Joshua Tree and Death Valley Parks and would like them protected so that our children and grandchildren may enjoy them as we did. Please provide that any proposed solar project within 15 miles of a National Park, monument, or wilderness area trigger a consultation with the National Park Service. We have many of these areas and been stunned by the beauty of this country. While we strongly support green energy projects, we also want to be sure that do not impact these areas.

Thank you for your comment, Carol Roeder.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11388.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:29:58PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11388

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy is most important - however, so are our National Parks, recreation areas, etc. There are plenty of isolated areas that are not public that can tolerate solar power

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11389.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:35:35PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11389

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State: [Withheld by requestor]
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Country: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

I totally trust the National Parks Conservation Assoc. to make the best possible decisions for locating future alternative energy facility.
Ethel Trimmer

Thank you for your comment, John Pappas.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11390.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:36:52PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11390

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Middle Initial: T
Last Name: Pappas
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State: IL
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Comment Submitted:

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Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

[Unrelated] You will accept Microsoft's proprietary (and often virus-laden) formats, but not OpenOffice/LibreOffice formats?!?
For a .gov website that is disgusting. I don't pay my taxes so you can advertise for Microsoft.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11391.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:37:04PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11391

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Comment Submitted:

I am all for solar energy, but we must develop it soundly and environmentally, unlike coal and oil development that has destroyed so much land and compromised many natural ecosystems. Here we have a chance to do it right the first time, so we need to do so.
Some Points:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you for your comment, G. Rose Montgomery.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11392.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:41:17PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11392

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Comment Submitted:

Can we try and get at least this one thing right?

Thank you for your comment, Jill Dorsey.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11393.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:43:41PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11393

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Middle Initial:
Last Name: Dorsey
Organization:
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I appreciate your consideration.

Thank you for your comment, Tonya Cockrell.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11394.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:54:00PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11394

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Thank you for your comment, Glen Benjamin.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11395.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 16:58:59PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11395

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Comment Submitted:

We need to pursue solar energy as it is an energy that is natural, plentiful and once we perfect harvesting and storing our energy problems will be lessened dramatically. Between solar, wind and tidal sources we should be able to end our addiction to oil, coal and other dirty sources.

Thank you for your comment, Deborah Livingston.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11396.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 17:00:06PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11396

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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, Kimberly Wiley.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11397.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 17:00:19PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11397

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Comment Submitted:

As our country moves to develop renewable energy projects that will enable us to end our dependence on foreign oil, buffer us from climate change, and promote national security, we are now presented with the opportunity to ensure that solar facilities are installed responsibly without harming our national parks. But, there's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that do not compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for all generations to fully appreciate America's heritage.

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4. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

I believe any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development. Once amended, I would strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

Thank you for allowing me to express my thoughts on responsible solar development that protects our national parks.

Thank you for your comment, Barbara Apgar.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11398.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 17:01:30PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11398

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Comment Submitted:

I urge acceptance of Solar Energy Zone Alternative. If projects are allowed outside the SEZ's, very large areas of citizen-proposed wilderness areas and other treasured state lands will be open to development. Solar development is good but only if well planned and responsibly developed.

Thank you for your comment, Marshall Sorkin.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11399.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 17:03:28PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11399

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Comment Submitted:

The National Parks should use solar energy, but it should be done in an environmentally sound way. California's Iron Mountain SEZ must be eliminated because of its harmful impacts to water resources, night sky viewing and scenic vistas from Joshua Tree National Park. California's Riverside East SEZ must be reduced and its boundaries reconfigured to minimize damage to wildlife corridors and viewsheds from Joshua Tree National Park wilderness. Nevada's Amargosa Valley SEZ is simply too close to Death Valley National Park wilderness and would negatively affect park wildlife and drawdown precious water resources, resulting in a threat to the endangered Devil's Hole Pupfish and surrounding wetlands.

Thank you for your comment, Robin Fox.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11400.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 17:03:50PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11400

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Comment Submitted:

SOLAR ENERGY -- THE BRIGHTEST IDEA YET

Thank you for your comment, Bruce Berger.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11401.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 17:16:46PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11401

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Middle Initial:
Last Name: Berger
Organization:
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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy is overdue, but should not be developed at the expense of our natural areas such as Joshua Tree National Park. I hope solar energy will not compromise other features of the natural world we treasure.

Thank you for your comment, Carol Berkeley.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11402.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 17:16:53PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11402

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Last Name: Berkeley
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Comment Submitted:

I am all for solar , but lets use common sense wwith this development so we don't do good with one hand and destroy with the other like mining, oil, coal and mountain top removal. We only have one planet lets start to care and preserveit before all is loss.

Thank you for your comment, Jacquelyn Sorby.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11403.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 17:18:02PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11403

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Comment Submitted:

The desert is a delicate ecosystem. Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development. I have viewed solar power stations and they are not lovely.

Thank you for your comment, Edwina Smith.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11404.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 17:27:31PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11404

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Comment Submitted:

--Once amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

- * The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
- * The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.
- * The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- * Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for taking the time to speak up for responsible solar development that protects our national parks. Your action today will help make a difference!

Thank you for your comment, carole hagen.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11405.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 17:37:52PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11405

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Comment Submitted:

Solar is awesome---great activity!

Thank you for your comment, Dianna Mullen.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11406.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 17:38:48PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11406

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Last Name: Mullen
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Comment Submitted:

I moved into my house in November, 1982. A few years later, during Reagan's administration, I added solar panels. At the time, I couldn't get a loan to cover the whole package, so I had to do without the dormer, the battery back-up, and the water heater assist. I did this because I liked the idea of a renewal energy source, and I also liked the idea of lower heating costs. And gas prices weren't anywhere near as high as they are now.

The solar helps, but I feel that more is needed. I understand that there have been improvements; but more is needed there, too. If we are to break free of our dependance on foreign oil, more is definitely needed.

Thank you for your comment, Allan Yorkowitz.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11407.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 17:40:59PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11407

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Comment Submitted:

A little common sense goes a long way.

Thank you for your comment, John Pittenger.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11408.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 17:52:23PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11408

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Last Name: Pittenger
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Comment Submitted:

We need to get away from fossil fuels, nuclear, coal, and hydro fracturing. It is time to use safer and better technologies.

Thank you for your comment, Michael Strawn.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11409.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 17:54:59PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11409

First Name: Michael
Middle Initial: J
Last Name: Strawn
Organization:
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Address 2:
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City: Warren
State: MI
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Comment Submitted:

I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within land parcels that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

However, there are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that I think should be altered because they threaten certain national parks:

- The Riverside East SEZ should be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors.
- The Iron Mountain SEZ should be removed entirely in order to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife.
- The Amargosa Valley SEZ should be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands that are home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish.
- The Red Sands SEZ should be reduced or reconfigured as well, as it threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

in addition, any proposed solar projects located within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Finally, the BLM should include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Again, with these changes I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative.

Thank you for your comment, Patricia Erwin.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11410.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 17:55:45PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11410

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Comment Submitted:

My husband & I live in a Solar assisted home which he designed during the Carter Administration. I don't believe that it causes problems for our neighbors to live near us; it is a good use of modified passive solar energy. Many people who see it for the first time comment how lovely it is and it saves us energy on cooling & heating!

Thank you for your comment, Alexander Thomas Creighton.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11411.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 18:06:32PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11411

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Comment Submitted:

Save the planet while there is time left !

Thank you for your comment, William Frayer.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11412.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 18:11:40PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11412

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Comment Submitted:

--Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Linda Susan Scheurer.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11413.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 18:12:52PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11413

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Comment Submitted:

--Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Andy Lynn.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11414.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 18:15:07PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11414

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Comment Submitted:

Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11415.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 18:15:24PM

Solar Energy Development PEIS

Comment ID: SolarD11415

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Comment Submitted:

We must have affordable solar for all.

Thank you for your comment, ruth grauert.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11416.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 18:20:16PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11416

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Comment Submitted:

In no way should our Parks become "energy farms". However they should generate the electricity that they consume. Solar panels for path lighting where it exists, etc.

We all should.

Thank you for your comment, Teresa Wurts.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11417.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 18:25:10PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11417

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Last Name: Wurts
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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

Thank you for your comment, Martin and Susan Bruegel.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11418.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 18:25:52PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11418

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Country: USA
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Comment Submitted:

--Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

--There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

--Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Robert Adamski.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11419.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 18:36:37PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11419

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Middle Initial: E
Last Name: Adamski
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Comment Submitted:

There is a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

This plan is a good first attempt at planning to help meet our nation's future requirements. Once amended, the Solar Energy Zone alternative plan, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology is a responsible and economically sound plan that will boost our nation's energy supplies in an environmentally responsible way.

There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks and need to be reconsidered. First, the Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. Second, the Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. Third, the Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Finally, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

I would support the recommendation that any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Our national parks and wildlife refuge areas are truly unique and precious national treasures. Please provide our national parks with the respect and robust protection they so richly deserve. Protect them for future generations of Americans. Modify the draft Solar Energy Development plan to satisfy these environmental concerns.

Thank you for your comment, Maureen Kavanagh.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11420.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 18:36:59PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11420

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Comment Submitted:

In my opinion Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

Thank you for your comment, Karen Stickney.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11421.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 18:44:26PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11421

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Comment Submitted:

It's necessary.

Thank you for your comment, Rachel de Rougemont.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11422.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 18:48:56PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11422

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Comment Submitted:

Renewable energy is imperative

Thank you for your comment, Ron Roberts.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11423.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 18:48:59PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11423

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Comment Submitted:

As an American citizen I implore you to help further the cause of green renewable energy such as solar and wind power. If we don't lead we follow and the other countries may initiate policies contrary to our best interests.

Thank you for your comment, John Nettleton.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11424.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 18:54:19PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11424

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Comment Submitted:

It's time to make sane energy choices. The downsides of coal, oil and nuclear are only too clear for anyone who isn't making a profit from them.

Thank you for your comment, Allan Campbell.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11425.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 18:58:44PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11425

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Comment Submitted:

Once amended, I strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

There are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks.

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

Any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your comment, Terry Peterson.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11426.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:05:12PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11426

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Comment Submitted:

As long as it is done correctly and aesthetically I am for solar power in Death Valley

Thank you for your comment, Andrew Politzer.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11427.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:08:20PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11427

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Middle Initial:
Last Name: Politzer
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State: [Withheld by requestor]
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Comment Submitted:

It is time to start making big steps toward alternative sources of energy and fuel.

Thank you for your comment, Elsy Shallman.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11428.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:10:24PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11428

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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, Shirley Smith.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11429.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:18:19PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11429

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Comment Submitted:

I completely agree with Solar Energy Development as long as it does not interfere with our National Parks. Our wildlife and wilderness ecosystems should be protected for future generations.

Tourists appreciate our pristine wilderness and clear, star-filled nights from all of our beautiful, majestic National Parks!

Thank you for your comment, Wendy kalthoff.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11430.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:30:55PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11430

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Comment Submitted:

Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

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Thank you for your comment, Karla Horst.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11431.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:32:45PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11431

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Comment Submitted:

Use the sun!

Thank you for your comment, LaVerne Zehrung.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11432.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:33:20PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11432

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Comment Submitted:

Please use scientifically up to date research to site solar energy generation we thought for the plants and animals that could be impacted. We need to protect and conserve, as well as decrease prod. of dangerous carbon levels. Thank you, LaVerne Frankie Zehrung.

Thank you for your comment, Silvia Hall.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11433.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:33:33PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11433

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Comment Submitted:

To Whom It May Concern,

I live in Florida and I support solar power, but I also understand that even solar and other renewables energy will have their own issues that we will have to solve.

I understand that there are four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks. I would suggest the following:

The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife corridors. The Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife. The Amargosa Valley SEZ must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species such as the Devil's Hole Pupfish. Similarly, the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

I think that any proposed solar projects sited within 15 miles of a national park boundary should trigger a consultation with the National Park Service to determine whether the project unacceptably impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

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Thank you for your comment, Carolyn Clark.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11434.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:33:35PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11434

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Comment Submitted:

I strongly support the development of solar, wind, and clean (NOT NUCLEAR) energies. Solar Enterprise Zones are a good idea IF they are carefully planned. Please do not sacrifice National Parks, wildlife, wilderness, and scenic areas.

Solar Zones should be at least 15 miles from wilderness, National Parks, and National Monuments.

I have particular concerns about locating an SEZ near Joshua Tree NP (Iron Mtn and Riverside East zones), Death Valley NP (Amargosa Valley), and White Sands NP (Red Sands).

Please review carefully these impacts. Just amend the initiative so that wildlife, parks, wilderness, and visitor peace & quiet will not be compromised.

Instead, use carefully planned solar zones.

Thank you for your comment, Frances Mackiewicz.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11435.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:38:59PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11435

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Comment Submitted:

As time goes on, we have to consider other sources of energy as the population grows. If one of our present sources of energy should be depleted or may not be enough to supply the demand, we should have available other sources to choose from to satisfy the needs of the people. I support solar energy development only within appropriately sited Solar Energy Zones. Therefore, we must consider the future of generations to come.

Thank you for your comment, Kristina Thorpe.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11436.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:41:00PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11436

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Comment Submitted:

The federal government has initiated an environmental review to identify where solar development should occur on public lands in California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado.

But there's a right way and a wrong way to embark on this mission. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

Thank you for your comment, Paul Tarlowe.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11437.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:42:29PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11437

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Thank you for your comment, Jake Wolfhart.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11438.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:45:06PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11438

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Comment Submitted:

peace and use Solar Power Please. Let have more clean air.

Thank you for your comment, Patricia Montijo.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11439.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:45:19PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11439

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Comment Submitted:

Our National Parks are a priority and should be protected. Solar energy development should be away from our park boundaries.

Thank you for your comment, Richard Nix.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11440.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:49:21PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11440

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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you for your comment, Shauna Fuller.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11441.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 19:58:12PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11441

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Comment Submitted:

I applaud the use of solar energy; however, only if it does no harm to our National Parks. We must protect them for our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for your comment, Reid Betz.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11442.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 20:06:45PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11442

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Comment Submitted:

I have been interested in developing solar energy solutions most of my life. As one involved in the urban planning and construction industry, I cannot stress enough that I feel that, whatever energy production types we use, we have to aim toward a model of distributed generation. This model will provide a more robust infrastructure with less risk of major failure and will put energy generation closer to the end user, reducing transmission losses. This means that we should not sacrifice our parks and other lands and turn them into power plants, but look to build solar panel systems where it makes sense, such as on the roof of a building, a canopy over a parking lot to provide shade, or even over a highway. This not only puts energy generation near to the user, but will also provide shelter so that buildings have lower cooling needs, the heat island effect will be reduced, and the pavement will last longer.

Thank you for your comment, Noreen Weeden.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11443.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 20:11:57PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11443

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Thank you for your comment, cherie townsend.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11444.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 20:13:41PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11444

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Comment Submitted:

dont take our parks too

Thank you for your comment, Robert New.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11445.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 20:21:27PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11445

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Comment Submitted:

Please take care to locate solar farms in appropriate places.

Thank you for your comment, Joan Kramer.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11446.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 20:27:53PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11446

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Comment Submitted:

Please consider where you put your solar development and do not locate them in areas that endanger animals and plants that are vital to national parks and our sensitive desert ecology. One such proposal in the Mojave requires the removal of tortoises and this would most surely kill them. Consult with the National Park Services to be sure it doesn't impact or diminish national park resources or visitor enjoyment. Preferably locate them outside of such areas.

Thank you for your comment, safiya balekian.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11447.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 20:28:36PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11447

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Comment Submitted:

I am deeply concerned about the emphasis on Industrial Solar as a solution to our energy issues. This is a short-sighted, old fashioned paradigm that has proven to be unsustainable in oil, gas, coal, and nuclear energy production.

The Industrial-scale model will prove to be another drain on the economy, requiring huge subsidies and tax incentives. Large corporations will certainly benefit, but at an untenable cost to consumers, who will be required to live with the impact to the environment, the water, wildlife, and quality of living. In addition, unbelievably, the proposal does not take into account the vulnerabilities of such massive, centralized energy generation to our national security!

The science does not actually support the claims of Big Solar that net greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced. Just because the projects have the word "solar" in them, does not in any way imply that they are cost-effective, practical or sustainable. Why not utilize the thousands of acres of already existing rooftops for the more secure, low-impact, high returns of Distributed Generation?? This will also eliminate the need for expensive transmission line construction.

Please reconsider the strategy to provide yet another windfall for corporations without giving careful consideration to our environment and the citizens that rely on you to do the right thing.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh-in on this important issue.

Thank you for your comment, Michael Toto.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11448.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 20:38:32PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11448

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Comment Submitted:

Support Solar Energy in every way possible.

Thank you for your comment, Sylvia Kaneko.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11449.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 20:40:32PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11449

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy development must be pursued only in those areas where the flora and fauna cannot be harmed. A Profesor at MIT has just discovered a means of storing solar energy which will ultimately make it an extraordinarily accessible, clean and inexpensive energy source. We have to keep the oil,gas and coal industries from blocking development of far cheaper, cleaner, safer solar power.

Thank you for your comment, Lisa Jacobson.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11450.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 20:42:10PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11450

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Comment Submitted:

Please make the important decision of where to put solar energy zones with the public, wildlife and environment all in mind. There are still many pristine places and we have only one chance to get it right. Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

Thank you for your comment, Frank Schneider.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11451.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 20:46:56PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11451

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Comment Submitted:

We who live in the San Bernardino County Desert and southwest US Desert, know that the jobs politicians are talking about are not worth the price of Solar on Public Desert Land. First of all, the hundreds of jobs are all temporary except for maybe ten. Big foreign made tractors ripping up the desert-land are not permanent jobs. Second, the impact of the big scraper blades crushing the endanger Tortoise in their burrows, along with all the vegetation that going to be rip up, both common and rare that will be loss is mind bogging. And consider criminal to me. Have they thought of migrating birds looking for their food chain of life that they depended on that was in the flowering plants that will be lost because of ripping up the land vegetation during their migrations effect will be? The transmission lines and towers that will be necessary to carry solar energy will scar the desert for more years than my grandchildren?s children, children will ever see it as it is now. Third the price the desert has to pay for large cities, and metropolitan area to burn their flood light on all night is a joke. When I was young we did not burn light all night (I still do not) as some large city people do now days. Why does the desert have to be destroyed for light pollution abusers? Why not introduce a bill that would outlaw outside lights on after 9 PM. Please encourage roof-top solar and not miles and miles of rip up the living desert, just for light-polluters?

Thank you for your comment, Michelle Hoff.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11452.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 20:48:08PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11452

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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you.

Michelle L. Hoff

Thank you for your comment, Renee Lillard.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11453.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 20:52:35PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Thank you for your comment, Jeanne Deller.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11454.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 20:55:56PM
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Comment Submitted:

We are in desperate need of solar energies to offset further destruction of our planet through drilling wells. No third world societies deserve to be destroyed for big oil profits. The public has to become stronger than the wasteful government/political farces we're facing.

Thank you for your comment, Peter Branch.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11455.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 20:56:28PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Comment Submitted:

I strongly encourage the administration to invest heavily in the research of D. Daniel Nocera and his team at MIT in the development of the so-called "Artificial Leaf" device for using solar energy to cheaply and effectively split water and produce hydrogen:

<http://www.climatecentral.org/blogs/nocera-takes-solar-energy-for-the-masses-one-step-further/>

The administration should further invest much capital into producing the resulting technology cheaply. It is simply unbelievable that the administration is supporting the failed nuclear industry and proposing to expand the use of nuclear power, when relatively green and infinitely safer technologies like that mentioned above are now possible, particularly in view of the ongoing nuclear disaster in Japan. No nukes!

Thank you,
Peter Branch

Thank you for your comment, Karen Erickson.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11456.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 20:59:11PM
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I love our national parks, and want to preserve them for our future generations. I think solar energy is so important! We just need to keep in mind policies that will protect our national parks. Thanks for reading my statement.

Sincerely,
K.J.S.E.

Thank you for your comment, Sharon Fetter.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11457.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 21:11:52PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Sincerely,

Sharon Fetter

Thank you for your comment, Keeta Beaubien.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11458.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 21:12:14PM

Solar Energy Development PEIS

Comment ID: SolarD11458

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Comment Submitted:

Solar is a great!

Thank you for your comment, Marc Draper.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11459.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 21:18:33PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11459

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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, abby schult.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11460.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 21:20:28PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11460

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Comment Submitted:

I support solar energy development only within appropriately sited Solar Energy Zones that do not harm our national parks.

Thank you for your comment, Jon Hager.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11461.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 21:30:05PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11461

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Last Name: Hager
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Comment Submitted:

We need wise and intelligent decisions for our energy future. These decisions should be aided by scientific study and field review. Please help this nation to become energy dependent by using truly renewable energy sources. But let us make the correct choices, so that we do not compromise our wild life, our wilderness or the natural beauty of this nation.

Thank you for your comment, Noah-D.M. Sanchez.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11462.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 21:31:48PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11462

First Name: Noah-D.M.
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Comment Submitted:

Sacred mother earth can't wait much longer. Make everything as basic simple as possible include all a.n.d. get it done asap. Strive diligently not to harm life & plants & elements.

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11463.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 21:35:06PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11463

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Comment Submitted:

While I whole heartily support solar energy, even in my own back yard (Please!), I do not support solar development in wilderness areas. Wilderness areas are just that, wild. They are essential for our spiritual well being and should remain as pristine and unaltered as is humanly possible.

Thank you for your comment, Timothy Schacht.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11464.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 21:51:55PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11464

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Thank you for your comment, Ann Wasgatt.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11465.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 21:55:46PM
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Last Name: Wasgatt
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Thank you for considering my comments.

Thank you for your comment, Peter Eriksson.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11466.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 21:56:22PM
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Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11467.

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy is a viable source of energy and should be used where possible; however, it should not affect the National Parks.

Please read these points below:

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Thank you for your comment, Evangelina Romero.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11468.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 22:03:35PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11468

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Comment Submitted:

To: Whom it May concern

I have lived in the Coachella valley all my life, have seen this valley grow. I know there are many decisions that need to be made people that oppose to the thought of having this new alternative solar panels, but others think it is a good idea for the solar system here in the valley, yes there are many questions not answered and the community is worried about the thought of this new addition. The community needs to know more on the advantages and disadvantages that this system will bring.

Taking a look at what the solar system can perform and how it will be run can make a difference here in the Coachella valley it would benefit everyone, first of all because of the abundant sunlight here in the valley, it would also give every one more options on where to acquire energy, we will not only have IID and Edison but the new alternative solar energy which will be more natural and better for our environment. But it is a decision that needs more thought to it, because it is hard to believe that something that enormous can come here to Riverside County. Another good thing is that it will benefit our local economy by bringing in new jobs and maybe lower electrical rates especially in the summer time.

One of the thoughts I had in taking a look at the new solar system is the maintenance the care for these panels will they resist the heat in the valley? I am hoping it is a material that can resist because at looking at the panels it made me think how it would be maintained will these panels be able to take the heat, and will they be a recyclable material, or maybe they have a specific place to dispose of them. 80% of the land in East Riverside is a huge area to cover.

Solar energy has its advantages and disadvantages and I think it is an advantage for the Coachella valley. Because it is an alternative source for our community and it is solar energy that we can benefit from, we have plenty of sunlight that can help with the new addition, jobs can also be available. The disadvantages will be the beauty of the desert and the animals that run across the vast area will not have the freedom that they ones had in the place where this large construction will take place, but I hope all is for the best of the community and our environment.

Sincerely
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Sincerely

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Thank you for your comment, Evangelina Romero.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11469.

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Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Sincerely

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Thank you for your comment, Mandi Adkins.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11470.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 22:08:37PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11470

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Comment Submitted:

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Thank you for your comment, Marilyn Ritsky.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11471.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 22:10:47PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11471

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Thank you for your comment, Rebecca Goodrich.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11472.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 22:20:05PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11472

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Comment Submitted:

I support alternative energy, such as wind farms, if located outside of national parklands and monuments, and created using the best, up-to-date science, such as the use of purple paint, which dramatically reduces the number of bird deaths associated with wind farms.

Thank you for your comment, Lynette Hopkins.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11473.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 22:48:05PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11473

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Comment Submitted:

I am very much in favor of solar energy, which is natural, safe and always available. Please do whatever you can to achieve this goal.

Thank you for your comment, Steven Cook.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11474.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 23:11:09PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11474

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Comment Submitted:

Please be sure to take the environment into account when implementing new solar and other programs. We do not want newer green technologies to create a bigger problem than they are being used to solve!

Thank you for your comment, David McGlocklin.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11475.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 23:17:50PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11475

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Comment Submitted:

A new large solar project is going into the Sacramento, CA area. TThhe solar panel are from a Chinese company, not a USA company. This saddens me.

Thank you for your comment, G BartlettPalmer.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11476.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 23:19:07PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11476

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Comment Submitted:

Soar energy is clean energy and when need that kind of energy more than ever. Our plant is experiencing more and more drastic weather changes and species are dying because their natural habitats are vanishing. We are making the air we breath unbreathable and our future children will suffer in the long run.

Thank you for your comment, Michael Hester.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11477.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 23:38:30PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11477

First Name: Michael
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Comment Submitted:

nooooo!

Thank you for your comment, Juliette Cunico.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11478.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 23:40:44PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11478

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Comment Submitted:

I support solar energy use but under the following conditions: the Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.
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Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11479.

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Comment Submitted:

Be reasonable in designating solar to National Parks. We do not need more visual pollution in our pristine parks.

Thank you for your comment, Jacquie Hoggard.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11480.

Comment Date: April 13, 2011 23:56:42PM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11480

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Comment Submitted:

As we move toward renewable energy planning to help us change our reliance on foreign oil, help us protect the areas involved, and still keep our national security safe, we must make sure that solar areas are placed in where national parks are not changed.

The federal government has begun a review which includes California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado. I feel this is an area with which I am familiar, as I travelled here in the past, visiting nearly all of the parks which existed at that time. But now I realize that most of that travel was done in the 1960's, and I am sure they have changed in many ways since I had the privilege to visit!

There are both right and wrong ways that this development is done, but my biggest concern is that no "improvement" should occur in solar energy zones in national park areas, that would compromise the park wildlife, water resources, scenery, night sky viewing, archeological sites, and the opportunity to enjoy completely the heritage, beauty and sounds that are part of America's heritage in the parks.

Four proposed Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) that threaten our national parks, and would not be acceptable:

- (1) The Riverside East SEZ must be reconfigured to reduce the impact to Joshua Tree National Park's wilderness and wildlife areas;
- (2) Iron Mountain SEZ must be removed to prevent impacts to Joshua Tree National Park's remarkable scenery and wildlife;
- (3) The Armargosa Valley SEZ (I am not familiar with this area) must be reduced or reconfigured to reduce negative impact to Death Valley's wilderness and precious water resources, including desert wetlands home to endangered species like the Devil's Hold Pupfish;
- (4) And the same must be addressed in the Red Sands area (I remember so well the beauty of the red sands, and how much we enjoyed Bryce, Zion, Arches, is it Cathedral Peaks(?), & others and the glorious color of the soil, as we called it! I guess there is a lot to be said about a family remembering these things for over 50 years! It certainly doesn't seem so long ago - it was so memorable! And I am 80 years old, and there's a lot of newer things I don't remember as well!) The Red Sands SEZ threatens water resources critical to wildlife and the formation of desert dunes at White Sands National Monument.

Any solar projects within 15 miles of a national park boundary should be changed and a consultation with the National Park Service should be begun to determine whether the project in any way impacts or diminishes national park resources or visitor enjoyment.

Finally, it is vital the Bureau of Land Management include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national forests or monuments as areas not to be used as high conflict areas or for industrial solar development.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Thank you for your comment, dogan ozkan.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11481.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 00:07:17AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11481

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Thank you for your comment, Daniel Woods.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11482.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 00:16:29AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11482

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Comment Submitted:

I am all for saving Mother Earth and all her beautiful creatures while preserving a future for the next generation(s).Solar energy is paramount in finally getting away from dirty fossil fuels!!!!

Thank you for your comment, Peter Laughlin.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11483.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 00:18:19AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11483

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Comment Submitted:

--Once amended, we strongly support the Solar Energy Zone alternative, which would concentrate solar development within parcels of land that avoid needless future conflicts with national park resources and sensitive desert ecology.

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Thank you for your comment, Melissa Epple.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11484.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 00:53:51AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11484

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy is needed now! A practical plan that works with national parks wildlife, archeology, water resource, nightsky viewing, and scenery is doable! What is in our way of creating solar parks is only in our limited mind.

Thank you for your comment, Krishna Dangol.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11485.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 01:16:25AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11485

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Comment Submitted:

Be veg, Go Green, use Renewable Energy 2 save our Planet.

Thank you for your comment, Piotr Marczakiewicz.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11486.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 01:19:59AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11486

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Thank you for your comment, Nancy Freedland.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11487.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 01:29:11AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11487

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Comment Submitted:

I live in an area that has a large amount of sunshine days each year. Trying to collect solar energy in areas where there is not enough sunshine days per year wastes time and money. If we're going to do this in our country, we should be smart and do it correctly.

Thank you for your comment, Debbie Thorn.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11488.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 01:49:34AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11488

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Thank you for your comment, Parvez Zuberi.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11489.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 02:33:48AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11489

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Comment Submitted:

Nothing could be better then using Solar Energy

Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11490.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 02:38:56AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11490

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Thank you for your comment, Lorinda Roland.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11491.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 03:12:17AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11491

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Comment Submitted:

I am very much in favor of solar energy and other clean renewable energy sources. But I am very concerned that these energy sources - solar, wind and water not have a destructive impact on the ecosystems/environments where they are located. I've lived over 30 years of my life in California...I know and love the deserts...and am concerned about the negative impact solar panels, wind turbines and the pipelines may have on the native plants and wildlife as well as the aesthetic beauty of these environments. These deserts are fragile - their ecosystems must be protected.

Thank you for your comment, E. James Nedeau.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11492.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 03:14:21AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11492

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Thank you for your comment

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11493.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 05:53:55AM

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Comment Submitted:

Let's turn green without harming wildlife. We can do it, we have it all!

Thank you for your comment, Pauline Scott.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11494.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 06:47:37AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11494

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Comment Submitted:

Please consider wildlife when planning the utilisation of solar energy.

Thank you for your comment, Dennis Ledden.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11495.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 07:11:00AM
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Comment ID: SolarD11495

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Comment Submitted:

Using Solar energy is a smart way to reduce costs and impact of carbon pollutants on the environment, but implementation of Solar must be based on its effectiveness and impact to the aesthetics of the National Park.

Thank you for your comment, Leslie Hall.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11496.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 07:52:52AM
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Comment ID: SolarD11496

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Comment Submitted:

To whom it may concern,
Please consider our wildlife, park aesthetics and impact on nature when selecting sites to use for solar energy and other sources.

Thank you for your comment, Ralph Famularo.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11497.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 07:59:33AM
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Comment Submitted:

As the recent natural disasters with the Gulf Oil spill and the Fukushima nuclear accident show, it is time to find more natural energy sources. Solar is one such technology.

Thank you for your comment, Gregory Esteve.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11498.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 08:01:13AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
Comment ID: SolarD11498

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Comment Submitted:

Solar energy should be developed only in solar energy zones that don't compromise national park wildlife, scenery, archaeological sites, water resources, night sky viewing, and the opportunity for present and future generations to fully enjoy America's heritage.

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Finally, it is vital that the BLM include proposed national parks, wilderness areas, and national monuments as high conflict areas for industrial solar development.

Thank you for taking the time to consider responsible solar development that protects our national parks.

Thank you for your comment, Vincent Da Forno.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is SolarD11499.

Comment Date: April 14, 2011 08:05:56AM
Solar Energy Development PEIS
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Comment Submitted:

It's a no brainer, unless you have a vested interest in the status quo, that if we take away the oil companies subsidies, take away the pentagon funding for propping up oil producing countries with dictatorships and put that money into solar development that we could be energy independent and create more middle class American jobs to boot. This is the sensible, patriotic way.