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Dear Ms. Resseguie,

Renewable energy, including solar power, will be an important part of America's clean, sustainable energy future. Along with state and private lands, our public lands have a role to play, but renewable resource development is not appropriate everywhere on the public lands, and development that does occur on the public lands should take place in a responsible manner.

"In permitting the sacrifice of anything that would be of the slightest value to future visitors to the convenience, bad taste, playfulness, carelessness, or wanton destructiveness of present visitors, we probably yield in each case the interest of uncounted millions to the selfishness of a few individuals."

-- Frederick Law Olmstead

The industrial nature of solar energy projects makes choosing the right places for development critical. Prioritizing development in the best places will both speed construction of good projects by limiting conflicts, as well as preventing damage to sensitive wildlands, wildlife and other resources.

"Our duty to the whole, including to the unborn generations, bids us to restrain an unprincipled present-day minority from wasting the heritage of these unborn generations. The movement for the conservation of wildlife and the larger movement for the conservation of all our natural resources are essentially democratic in spirit, purpose and method."

-- Theodore Roosevelt

I applaud the Bureau of Land Management's identification of Study Areas and urge the agency to work through the public process to designate them. I recommend that the Bureau of Land Management:

- \* Adjust the boundaries of the Study Areas to exclude Citizens' Proposed Wilderness areas, crucial wildlife habitat and migration corridors, and other sensitive lands and resources;
- \* Make clear what existing transmission capacity and other infrastructure is available to support these study areas; and
- \* Ensure that there are multiple opportunities for the public to learn about and provide input during this process.

"Every man who appreciates the majesty and beauty of the wilderness and of wild life, should strike hands with the farsighted men who wish to preserve our material resources, in the effort to keep our forests and our game beasts, game-birds, and game-fish-indeed, all the living creatures of prairie and woodland and seashore-from wanton destruction. Above all, we should realize that the effort toward this end is essentially a democratic movement."

-- Theodore Roosevelt

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please do NOT add my name to your mailing list. I will learn about future developments on this issue from other sources.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Lish