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Linda Resseguie, Bureau of Land Management

Subject: Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Solar Energy Development (PEIS)

Dear Linda Resseguie, Bureau of Land Management,

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.

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.

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

- \* 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.

I do not need a reply from this agency. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,