



## California Wind Energy Association

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Solar Energy PEIS Scoping  
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RE: Comments on Scope of the Solar Energy PEIS

To Whom It May Concern:

The California Wind Energy Association (CalWEA) represents over 20 companies engaged in wind energy development in and around California. Several of these companies are also engaged in the development of central-station solar energy projects. Many CalWEA companies have pending land use permit applications with the BLM in California and the West.

CalWEA requests that, as part of this PEIS process, designated management areas containing valuable wind energy resources and solar resources be identified on GIS maps. We also suggest that management prescriptions for these areas take into consideration the actual footprint of wind energy development relative to solar energy development as the BLM strives to meet its multiple-use mandate. Especially in areas where total development activity is constrained, it may be appropriate to acknowledge in management prescriptions that wind energy development provides more land management flexibility.

Moreover, the BLM should take into account the fact that BLM lands containing commercial-grade wind energy resources are very limited relative to BLM lands containing commercial-grade solar resources. This physical reality should be taken into account in areas where total development activity is constrained.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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