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First and foremost on the order of battle (as Dad would have said), I believe it is wonderful that government is spending research dollars on renewable energy projects and there is consideration for the wildlife. And now for something completely different.

I had to leave the scoping a little early, so I didn't get to speak. One individual commented early on that these projects should be located closer to the population centers they power instead of being located out in a desert, but this PEIS is just for the developmental stage. The maps shown at the scoping thingy showed BLM land all over the 6 states, but all federal agencies that hold land in that region should be included, as the federal government owns so much land that these projects could go almost anywhere except on a gunnery range or other military exercise area. Instead of a single monstrosity of a power site, how about dividing it into several and dispersing them in a radial pattern around their population center so if something happened to one unit, the others could still function? I would be at a reduced rate, but there could still be power.

Build the the power stations to withstand earthquakes and whatever the prevailing disaster is for that particular region. It isn't the same as preparing for war at sea, but it does cause one to consider worst case scenarios. Norman Augustine stated that many of today's problems were yesterday's solutions. Introducing the mongoose to Hawai'i and utilizing depleted uranium as ammunition turned out to be 2 of the worst ideas anybody ever had, but they seemed like such good ideas at the time.