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On behalf of our entire organization the following attachment has been agreed to unanimously.
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FRIENDS OF SADDLE MOUNTAIN

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Solar Energy PEIS Scoping
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Dear Solar Energy PEIS,

We have many concerns about solar energy proposals on public lands. Factors like scenery, archaeology, wildlife connections, history, and public access are all values that should be preserved. Further those values should be factored into any economic consideration of public land.

Fences and security for protecting solar sites will in many cases restrict the public from accessing large tracts of BLM land and is another factor that negatively affects public lands. We feel new, clearly defined sets of procedures are needed to fully analyze these types of effects of this technology on public land.

The Bureau of Land (BLM) should compare the multifaceted economic values of public land with private land. Existing solar projects in Arizona show that areas with large amounts of affordable private land are available.

Public lands have been under valued for decades for the interest of industry. This history should not be repeated when the true values of public lands are the increasing rare elements of scenery, wildlife, and recreation.

We have strong concerns about Right of Way procedures being used for solar applications. We request that the BLM develop specific review, installation, management and recovery requirements for all types of solar energy plants to insure that these projects do not negatively impact all elements of our public lands. Please develop solar specific application procedures and requirements before any projects are approved. Please assure that our public lands in the west will not become negatively affected by another private industry.

Sincerely,

Paul Roetto, President

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