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Dear Agency Planners:

I appreciate that the scoping period was extended and that, as I found reported recently, you have resumed accepting and processing applications for solar energy development projects. That was a proper decision, in my view, as our public lands are being used for many other such projects, e.g. oil or shale, or uranium mining.

As in any formal assessment of activities of this nature, both the impacts to the environment and the benefits to the land and to the public should be thoroughly analysed. For solar energy development, I believe that any negative impacts may be small, compared with fossil-fuel mining and be much exceeded by longterm, positive contribution to the nation's energy independence, and cost to consumers. We derive the water heating benefit for our home from solar thermal panels, since nearly eight years ago, and electricity cost savings are substantial.

Solar-electricity applications should find much wider use--and generation therefore be much expanded--to help us with our electricity budget, and with secure and sustainable energy resources.

I therefore very strongly support your efforts in regards to a Programmatic Environmental Impact assessment for such installations, on the lands that belong to the people. Theirs, and our nation's as a whole, will be the benefits.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Frances Lamberts, Ed.D.