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I am very pleased and supportive of the action being taken by the BLM and DOE to conduct this solar PEIS. I do want to note that the goal of increased energy development and protecting our precious environment are not mutually exclusive.

The agencies have done a commendable job in identifying certain exclusions in the draft PEIS. In addition however, the agencies should come up with a more complete list of sensitive and important lands to be protected, including other identified conservation lands, such as National Parks, National Monuments, state parks, citizen proposed wilderness areas, areas already proposed for protection from development in pending legislation, wildlife migration corridors and critical habitat.

In addition, there are many areas that have already been disturbed and should be given serious consideration for solar development. Many of these are privately held, such as old mining lands and agriculture lands. These may serve as strong alternatives to sites on public lands. The agencies should also give consideration and priority to placing utility-scale solar facilities on public lands which have been disturbed such as mines, producing oil and gas fields and non-sensitive military lands.

The agencies must ensure that the PEIS is very specific in development of Best Management Practices which will adequately protect and enhance natural resources wherever development may occur. These practices should be mandatory on every project application the BLM receives or the DOE supports.