

Thank you for your comment, Linda Josheph.

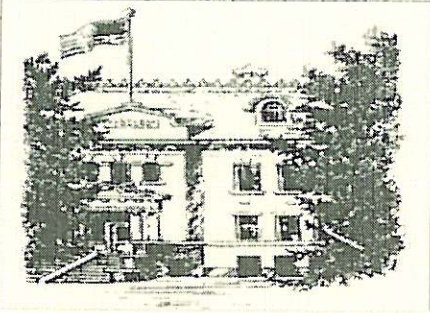
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Saguache County Board of County Commissioners appreciates this opportunity to participate with comments in the DOE and BLM EIS process for Solar Energy Development. Located in the San Luis Valley of southern Colorado, our region is rich in solar resource, and a focal point of solar industry interest. The De Tilla Gulch Solar Energy Study area, indicated in the map by Argonne National Laboratory, is within our County.

We understand that the BLM's "multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations", and share in that mission. With over 70% of the land in Saguache County owned by various public lands agencies, we have cultivated participatory and collaborative relations, in mutually important land use issues, with local and regional public lands managers. We are pleased to offer the following comments, for your attention.

The state-of-the-art in solar energy generation advances at a rapid pace. Yet, the large scale fields now being planned, are new to all of us. Little is known of the potential impacts of the infrastructure and processing of solar energy at this scope. It is essential that adequate baseline information be available, and monitoring reviews be included in arrangements between the BLM and industry, to assure early detection and mitigation of currently unforeseen impacts.

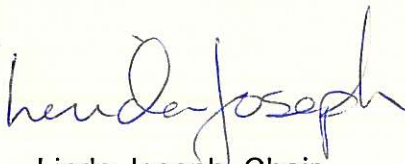
Saguache County Land Use Dept. and Planning Commissions, and many interested citizens we represent have devoted much time to become informed and strive to stay current with the practices, technologies and impacts of solar energy generation. We

request that Saguache County be designated a Cooperating Agency in environmental assessments of any area in consideration for solar development on BLM lands within our County. Leveraging our information and resources, enhances our capacity to fulfill our mutual missions of public service. We would encourage this practice throughout your solar energy study areas.

Thanks again for receiving and responding to our comments.

Sincerely,

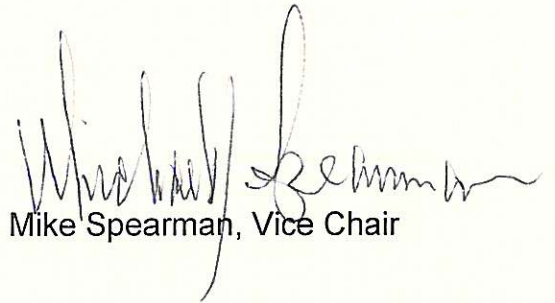
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