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The BLM projects proposed for south of Alamogordo have not embraced a larger view of the impact of the area or the community. In fact, the area designated as the Red Sands is incorrect. The proposed land is a grasslands and home to a diverse population of animals and plants. It is leased by cattle ranchers who make their lively hoods by grazing this lands and is the best lands on their ranches. The ranchers also protect and care for this land as if it were their own. it is not a wastelands.

Also, the government has taken much land in this area during the past 60 years; it would be prudent for this government land to be used for this solar power project. Government land can be used for multipurposes, and using this land for solar power would demonstrate prudence and effective effective decision-making processes at the government level. Instead, more land for a singular purpose, is taken away from the public and established ranches.

This proposal is ill-conceived as it does not know the ecology of the landscape or the humans who will be impacted. It does not demonstrate an effort to use land already confiscated by the US government and removed from ranching and public use.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Ford