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Regarding this:

"The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), has decided to initiate a programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) in conjunction with the Department of Energy (DOE) to assess the "environmental, social, and economic impacts" that solar installations could have on some of the 119 million acres that it manages in six Western states."

With a desperate need for non-carbon-based electricity in the American West, and indeed, electrical generation needs in general across America, this is a very large impediment to progress.

I've seen a great deal of the BLM land in Nevada, Arizona, and Nevada, and a lot of it is barren desert. How much environmental impact could there be, from solar installations?

Please fast track this review and complete in 6 months, not 2 years. In the meantime, new proposals should continue to be accepted.

America can't wait two more years for alternative, non-carbon sources for electricity. Please fast track this review today, and work with these fledgling companies to avoid disrupting their progress.

Global warming is an urgent issue that affects the whole planet. I've seen the bleached Great Barrier reef myself, and I want it to be here for my child, in 50 years. We need to get working on this today.