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Utility scale solar energy is only a small percentage of the energy diversification strategy for the US. However, as we embrace the various technology currently and futuristically being deployed, we must ensure we utilize smart growth and planning principles. The Bureau of Land Management is embracing upon a critical decision to set minimum solar generation output for its land tracts. With land and water becoming increasingly valuable in the southwest, one must ponder how we will balance the need for non-fossil fuel energy sources while utilizing the federal, state and private lands most efficiently. I contend that the Federal Government develop minimum Kwh/m²/day standards to allow responsible solar deployment on public lands. The southwest is a hotbed for solar insolation and therefore I would propose a minimum radiation levels of 6.5Kwh/m²/day as a measure to embrace and deploy solar technologies effectively.