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To Whom It May Concern:

Following please find our comments regarding the BLM Solar Energy Development PEIS.

- Primary consideration should be given to the protection of all sensitive habitats, National Monuments, State Parks, protected species, agriculturally useful lands etc. This should include not only the actual solar sites, but also nearby areas where industrial activity would have a pronounced negative impact, particularly on protected species and habitats. All deliberations should be science-based.
- Preference for locating solar installations should be focused on already degraded areas such as old oil fields. This will facilitate overdue clean up in such places while also opening those sites to new and positive use.
- As stewards of the public's land, the BLM should always assure that the public's financial and energy interests are both benefited and protected. Public benefit, not private profit, must be the paramount concern. A utility, for example, ought never to be given precedence over the general public - who might be more benefited by other installations.
- The BLM should be guided by this basic principle: generation of electricity is most efficient if located as closely as possible to where the power is needed because of the loss of energy incurred with long-range transmission. Whether the power needed could be more efficiently provided by rooftop pv"S ought always to be deliberated when evaluating a project.
- The BLM must not consider implementing only large industrial projects in an effort to meet their goals. Instead, the BLM should seek and develop programs to provide incentives for the use of renewables in many different small ways within their jurisdiction to encourage efficient projects with minimal negative impact.
- Where damaging impact is unavoidable, the BLM should require mitigation by providing support for rooftop pv's and funds for protecting other areas of the type that will be damaged by solar installations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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