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I am writing to voice my strong opposition to any further industrial-scale energy projects on public lands. My reasons are as follows:

Rooftop solar and covered parking structures are a superior strategy. Renewable energy can be obtained in the city areas where it is needed without the high costs of large projects or the need to ship the energy long distances.

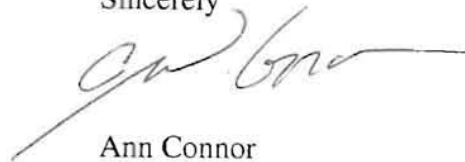
Large solar and windmill projects are not "green." These projects rely on the destruction of habitat to be built, and their operation further endangers wildlife. Renewable energy is not environmentally preferable when it encompasses the destruction and endangering of habitat and wildlife. What sense does it make to sacrifice nature in the name of saving it?

Our public lands should continue to be available for appropriate public use. Hiking, exploring and discovering nature, bird-watching, horseback riding, ORV riding, hunting, and the studies of environmental science, botany, geology, anthropology all rely on public lands.

Rural communities adjacent to public lands should not be adversely impacted. Large-scale renewable energy projects cause a reduction in property values and diminish the quality of life for rural residents.

I also request that the comment period be extended to allow more time to review the material.

Sincerely



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