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## **Proposed solar projects for Mono County**

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As a 40 year resident of Mono County, I wish to make the following comments on the Proposed solar project for the Tri-Valley region of Mono County (Chalfant, Hammil, and Benton California). The proposals as indicated currently will impact migration corridors for deer and will adversely impact other species including sage grouse. We are a rural area and do not have the population to employ and run such a facility. Proposed sites are in remote areas, far from “the grid” or a substation where power lines don’t exist. To install power lines to connect these sites to the grid will come with additional, significant impacts.

Some of the sites are small bits of land that will support only very small solar arrays or a few windmills that probably wouldn’t justify the cost of the infrastructure or even the cost of the project, especially in remote places. They should be taken off the table if they aren’t realistically viable locations.

Further, protections for surface and groundwater supplies must be taken to ensure that the only source of water for the people who live here is not contaminated by construction, chemicals, or roads to a proposed facility.

Thank you for reading these comments. Please include us on your mailing list.

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