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There is no benefit to tearing down forests for massive solar projects. Trees are essential for a host of environmental benefits, including mitigating climate change. Cutting down trees leads to more flooding.

Solar projects should be sited on already disturbed land. 1 or 2 MW projects on top of big box stores. On mall rooftops. Parking lots. On the sides of highways, as they do in Germany. I-90 has plenty of space for solar installations.

Tidal or wave power has potential.

Free-flow, kinetic (NON- DAM) power on streams and rivers. Plenty of energy can be derived from the latent energy of water without creating more environmental distress.

Instead of being a developer driven process, it could be a town down process, with each town being given a goal of creating so many MW and each town figuring out its own solutions, according to local resources.

Thank you for your flexibility in re-thinking this process.

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