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To Whom It May Concern,
Forests are more than trees. Trees are more than sequestered Carbon.
Solar panels have a MUCH larger Carbon/other greenhouse gases/toxic waste/natural resource usage footprint than the public is aware of.
When did we forget the lessons learned from the times of Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring"?
This unmitigated, unregulated, monetarily incentivized war upon our forests and farmlands, is displacing and destroying hundreds of species of plants, fungi, mosses, lichens, invertebrates, insects, birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals, at a time when we MUST be doing everything in our power to protect and preserve what remaining habitat they still have.
According to a major report by the World Wildlife Fund, humanity has wiped out 60% of the world's mammals, birds, fish and reptiles since 1970.
DOER must shift its focus to mandate that all new parking lots over a certain size (20 parking spaces?) be installed with overhead solar arrays, creating shade AND a place to plug in your hybrid or electric cars.
ALL municipal parking lots should be retrofitted the same.
Brownfields, median strips and shopping centers, with their flat roofs and giant parking lots...
NEVER forests. Never.
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Meanwhile, our cultural history is being wiped off the face of the earth, as heavy machinery "grades" the sites where these industrial solar electric power grids are sited. Just as the existence of pre-contact (precolonial) stone structures is being found, studied, acknowledged and recorded, they are also being destroyed at an ever accelerated rate.
We only get ONE chance to do this right. Once a forest is destroyed, it takes two human lifetimes to be restored. Once a prehistoric structure is destroyed, it's gone forever.
Thank you for your consideration,
Sarah Kohler