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PLEASE prohibit solar projects in the SMART program which involve any deforestation, as carbon sequestration by trees is paramount. Also because there are countless, smarter sites to be found everywhere, on large commercial buildings and over parking lots, such as is found at UMass Amherst over their Visitors' Parking Lot.

As well, it is these locations (cities and large towns) which need the additional renewable energy, not forestland areas which are rural and have minimal energy needs. Transporting the power into cities is inefficient and use of rural areas degrades those towns which rely on open spaces and forests for their climate change mitigation, animal protection, air quality, erosion control, wetlands protection, etc. etc.

I oppose corporations clearcutting our forests for the sake of convenience and lower-cost projects, when much more suitable sites are readily available.

Thank you,
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