

**SMART Public Comment**

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TWIMC:

I want DOER to prioritize natural resources over large-scale solar development. I believe that greater incentives are still needed to further protect forests and natural lands from solar development by encouraging the development of solar on rooftops, parking canopies, highway cloverleaves, and other distributed areas such as prohibiting solar energy development where at least 50 percent of the parcel's land area is designated as Priority Habitat, Core Habitat, or Critical Natural Landscape as defined by BioMap2.

I urge DOER to revise the SMART program to avoid, or at least significantly reduce, the number of forests and farmland that are being converted to large-scale ground-mounted solar arrays, and to better align this program with other state climate and land conservation programs and goals.

Thank you. Sincerely, Al Futterman

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