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What is the new Western Solar Plan?

WASHINGTON -- The Department of the Interior today announced an updated Western Solar Plan to help guide efficient and environmentally responsible solar energy permitting on public lands across the West.

Why is the Western Solar Plan important?

"The updated Western Solar Plan will help build modern, resilient energy infrastructure that creates a strong clean energy economy and protects our communities from the worsening impacts of climate change," said Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Dr. Steve Feldgus.

When will the Western Solar Plan be approved?

Approval of the updated Western Solar Plan follows a draft plan published in January 2024 and a proposed plan published in August 2024, reflecting input received from a wide range of stakeholders, governments, and other interested parties along the way.

How many acres of public lands are available for solar projects?

The updated Western Solar Plan identifies the availability of over 31 million acres of public lands across the 11 Western states for utility-scale solar project applications; however, only approximately 700,000 of those acres are anticipated to be developed by 2045 to meet projected demand.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has proposed expanding its Utility-Scale Solar Energy Development Plan, also known as The Western Solar Plan, to encompass the states of Idaho, ...

Serengeti Energy and Western Solar Power have made significant progress on the 32-MWp Ilute solar project in Sesheke, located in Zambia's Western Province. The milestone was ...

More large solar power projects on public lands in the Western United States may finally see the light of day, thanks to a newly finalized plan that opens up millions of acres for...

In January 2024, the Dept. of the Interior issued an update for the Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, also known as the Western Solar Plan, which formalized the ...

On August 30, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management released an updated version of its Western Solar Plan,



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which proposes using 31 million acres of public lands in 11 western states to ...

"ACP appreciates the time BLM has dedicated to reviewing the permitting process for solar development and recognizes the flexibility added into the project design features and additional ...

The Bureau of Land Management on Wednesday took a major step toward boosting the rollout of utility-scale solar power on federal lands across the West.

WASHINGTON--The Pew Charitable Trusts today applauded the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for finalizing a strong update to its Western solar plan, which will guide solar ...

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Developed with substantial public input, the proposed updated Western Solar Plan will guide BLM's management of solar energy proposals and projects on public lands.

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