



# Solar panels in the western United States





## Overview

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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has expanded the scope of potential solar development on federal lands, opening several more western states to gigawatts of PV deployment. In January 2024, the Dept. of the Interior issued an update for the Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, also.

Solar power includes solar farms as well as local distributed generation, mostly on rooftops and increasingly from community solar arrays. In 2024, utility-scale solar power generated 219.8 terawatt-hours (TWh) in the United States. Total solar generation that year, including estimated small-scale.

Federal land managers Thursday released an updated roadmap for solar energy development across 11 western states, a plan that opens about 32 million acres of federal lands to utility-scale solar development. The proposal released by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, known as the Western Solar.

The Western Solar Plan, which will govern the leasing of US public land for solar, has been updated for the first time in more than a decade. It has identified 22 million acres (8.9 million hectares) that are best suited for solar development across 11 featured states. First Solar's Agua Caliente.

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 energy development on public lands across 11 Western states. The BLM, which stewards more than 245 million acres across the.

Solar is becoming an increasingly important energy resource in the United States. In the last decade, solar has grown with an average annual rate of 26 percent, reaching a capacity of over 138 gigawatts in 2023. In that same year, solar energy accounted for 55 percent of new electricity-generating.



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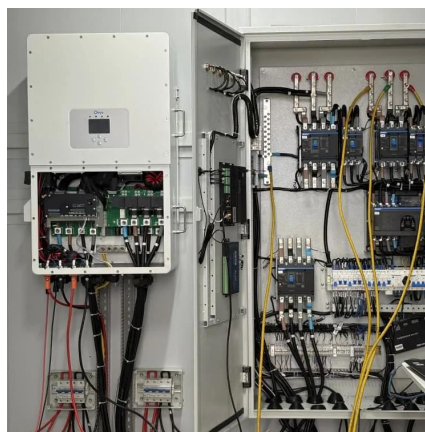
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The Department of the Interior on Jan. 17 announced an updated roadmap for solar energy development across the West, which is "designed to expand solar energy ...



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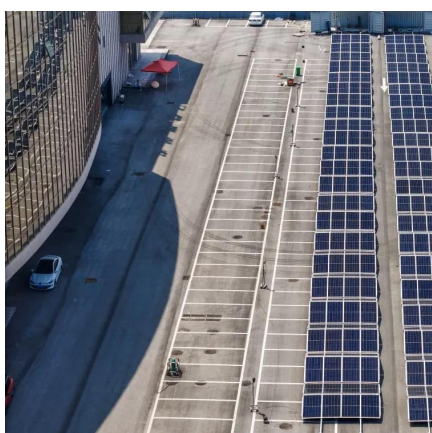
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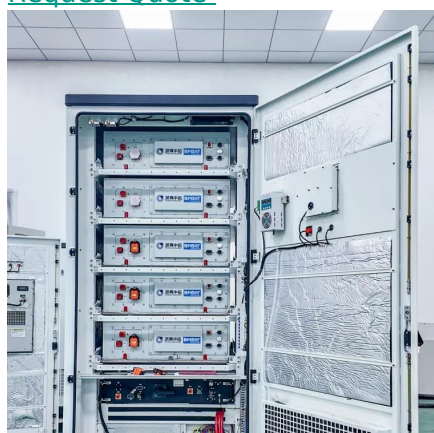
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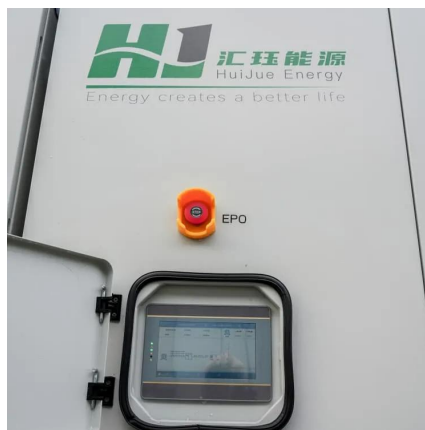
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