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### Comment Submitted:

The Summit Lake Paiute Council, governing body of the federally recognized Summit Lake Paiute Tribe hereby submits its Comment on the DOE-BLM Draft PEIS on Solar Energy Projects. The Tribe believes the PEIS falls far short of meeting the federal government's trust responsibility to Tribes and should give Tribes not only the same status as States but give Tribes a preference as set forth in the attached Comment.

Questions about submitting comments over the Web? Contact us at: [solareiswebmaster@anl.gov](mailto:solareiswebmaster@anl.gov) or call the Solar Energy Development PEIS Webmaster at (630)252-5705.



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March 14, 2011

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Re: Comment, Draft DOE-BLM Programmatic EIS for Solar Energy Development

Dear Madam or Sir,

By way of introduction, my name is Warner Barlese. I am the Chairman of the governing body of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe (Tribe), the Summit Lake Paiute Council (Council).

In reviewing the Draft DOE-BLM (U.S. Department of Energy-Bureau of Land Management) Programmatic EIS (PEIS) for Solar Energy Development, I note that it appears that traditional territory of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, near the Summit Lake Reservation, is marked as "Lands available for Application – Solar Development Program". See Map Prepared December 2010, BLM-Administered Lands Being Analyzed for Solar Development and Proposed Solar Energy Zones in Nevada (Argonne National Laboratory (attached)).

The PEIS does not treat Tribes as a state relative to DOE's allocation of SEZ's (Solar Energy Zones) by state per renewable energy portfolio requirements as a driver for allocating solar project demand. This needs to be corrected not only as a matter of fairness but as a matter of the trust responsibility of the United States through DOE and BLM. This Tribe has an established renewable energy portfolio standard. For example the Tribe's Energy Portfolio in relation to long-term energy goals of the Tribe are:

- To guarantee the availability of affordable and reliable energy to all its members;
- To reduce the energy bills of tribal members and administration;
- To further the Tribe's goals for self-sufficiency;
- Self-Determination through empowerment in the Tribe's energy interests;
- To minimize the environmental impact of current and/or future development;
- To produce all of the Tribe's energy needs through renewable sources by 2025;
- To build sustainable homes and making existing buildings more efficient; and,
- To contribute to the Tribe's local economy consistent with the Tribe's cultural values.

Furthermore, the PEIS does not consider the interests of Tribes in getting first right of refusal/and or option for adjacent/proximate BLM surplus properties and the inherent ability of Tribes to acquire land or the right to use land for energy projects, including that was once their land before the United States stole same whether or not compensated by the U.S. Court of Claims or Indian Claims Commission. This needs to be corrected.



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If you have any questions, please contact the Director of the Tribe's Environmental Protection Department, Ron Johnny.

Sincerely,

Warner Barlese  
Chairman  
Summit Lake Paiute Council

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**BLM-Administered Lands Being Analyzed for Solar Development and Proposed Solar Energy Zones in Nevada**  
 Map Prepared December 2010



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