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# The first generation solar energy ecosystem

Should ecosystem services be included in future solar energy development decision-making? This study provides a holistic assessment of incorporating ecosystem services in future solar energy development decision-making and presents an approach for minimizing trade-offs and maximizing sustainable outcomes.

Are Ecosystem Services (ESS) important in solar energy development?

4.1. Ecosystem services variations around the solar farms Although the importance of ESs in solar energy development has been widely recognized, case studies remain scarce, especially at utility scales (Grotsky and Hernandez 2020, Gallaher et al 2024).

How solar energy is transforming the energy sector?

Incorporating Ecosystem Services into Solar Energy Siting to Enhance Sustainable Energy Transitions Solar energy is expected to play a large role in decarbonization of the energy sector globally. In the United States, solar energy is forecasted to generate roughly 45% of the electricity by 2050.

How does solar energy impact ecosystem services?

In the United States, solar energy is forecasted to generate roughly 45% of the electricity by 2050. Although solar energy mitigates the negative effects of climate change by providing electricity without releasing greenhouse gases, little is known about the implications of solar energy development for ecosystem services.

Unintentionally, the energy project paved the way for a new type of landscape: a desert that, instead of expanding, is starting to turn green. Researchers call this phenomenon ...

Transitioning to large-scale renewable energy (RE) production, especially solar photovoltaic (PV) power, can significantly mitigate carbon emissions. However, the fragility ...

We argue that co-prioritizing ecosystem services and energy generation using an ecologically informed, 'ecovoltaics' approach to solar array design and operation will have ...

Solar power plants transform the existing landscape. This landscape change raises concerns about visual impact, land use competition and the end-of-life stage of solar power ...

The widespread installation of photovoltaic panels supports the energy transition but also impacts ecosystem services (ESs) by altering their structure, processes, and functions. ...

Our study first quantitatively evaluated the effects of land-based solar power development on ecosystem functions in global terrestrial ecosystems. Increasing clean energy ...

In this study, we developed a spatially explicit, techno-ecological solar suitability model consisting of six scenarios designed to evaluate the trade-offs between ground ...

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An ecosystem encompasses a community of living organisms interacting with their non-living surroundings. Its structure refers to the fundamental organization of its components. ...

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