



## *Introduction*

### OBJECTIVES

- Describe a Socioeconomic Analysis
- Solicit input from communities, within the 11-state planning area, on what BLM needs to know to best assess potential impacts?
- Identify potential socioeconomic impacts from the proposed Western Solar Plan updates (e.g. planning).
- Evaluate the degree to which planning could impact local communities and regional economies.

The public comment  
period goes through  
April 18, 2024

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## *What is Socioeconomic Analysis?*

### **ASSESSMENT OF:**

- Social, economic, and environmental justice conditions within the 11-western states
- Potential for changes in these conditions by proposed planning updates

### **SOCIAL CONDITIONS**

- Population size and distribution
- Demographics
- Lifestyles
- Orientation to natural resources and public lands
- Community characteristics (history, culture, values, resiliency, vulnerability)

### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

- How planning impacts may disproportionately and adversely affect low-income and minority populations and tribal communities

### **ECONOMIC CONDITIONS**

- Employment patterns and unemployment
- Industries and economic sectors
- Major local and regional employers
- Sources of income
- Role of BLM-managed lands in local or regional economy
- Payments to counties
- Potential financial impacts to communities
- Economic resilience and vulnerability

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Please provide your comment on the Draft Solar Programmatic EIS, at:  
<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2022371/510>





## *A Request for Input*

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Are there additional factors that the BLM has not considered to properly evaluate impacts of this planning effort on your community and the local and regional economy?
2. Are there groups or individuals in your community who may be particularly impacted by the proposed planning updates? If so, how?
3. How might the BLM's Western Solar Plan updates impact your lives (*consider access to recreation, cultural and Tribal concerns, job opportunities, housing, community cohesion, livestock grazing and rangelands, environmental justice communities, etc.*)?

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