

Programmatic Design Features for Military and Civilian Aviation

The following design features have been identified to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate potential impacts on military and civilian aviation from solar energy development identified and discussed in Sections 5.6.1 and 5.6.2 of the Draft and Final Solar PEIS.

General

- MCA1-1** Project developers shall coordinate with the BLM, military personnel, and civilian airspace managers early in the project planning process to identify and minimize impacts on military and civilian airport and airspace use.
- (a) Identifying impacts on military and civilian airport and airspace use shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
- Submitting plans for proposed construction of any facility that is 200 ft (~61 m) or taller and plans for other projects located in proximity to airports to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to evaluate potential safety hazards.
 - Consulting with the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) to minimize and/or eliminate impacts on military operations, and encouraging compatible development. This consultation will be initiated by the BLM and will include both general discussions for early planning and detailed assessments of specific proposals at the local level. The BLM will accept formal DoD submissions once they have been vetted through both the Military Departments and the DoD Siting Clearinghouse.
 - Evaluating impacts on military and civil aviation as part of the environmental impact analysis for the project and considering options to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate adverse impacts in coordination with the BLM.