

National Historic Old Spanish Trail

Escalante Desert, Utah

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The National Historic Old Spanish Trail

It is 1,290 miles long and covers six states.

- The National Historic Old Spanish Trail is over 1,290 miles long.



There are 129 miles of the OSNHT in Iron County



The OSNHT crosses 46 Miles of pristine desert THE ESCALANTE DESERT.



Solar Zones in the Escalante Valley are a threat!

- View-scape of the NHOST is a dwindling national resource.
- The Escalante Valley is a pristine desert environment.
- Trail visitation and recreation are viable public activities including:
 - History
 - Education
 - Tourism

Activities protected by law.

- Encroachment has become endemic along the trail.
- Solar electric activities are a viable and socially conscious benefit.
 - BUT
- They need not be offensive to the National Interest

Dominguez Escalante Trail from Desert Butte



Escalante Desert OST South from Desert Butte



Dominguez Expedition 1776 Casting Of Lots



Proposed SEZ South from Dominguez Trail



Dominguez site from Desert Butte looking NE

Proposed SEZ location



Blue Knoll Dominguez Monument



Solara Farm East encroachment... panorama



Visible OST National Historic Trail Encroachment



Solar encroachment Cedar Valley North East



OSNHT Escalante Solar Desert Encroachment



Overhead Solar Site 1 Encroachment



Escalante Desert SEZ Site from Solar Site 1



Solar Development is not discouraged

Solar development will happen. What is important is how we limit possible adverse impact of that development.

We can identify non-intrusive locations.

Scarce and fragile resources can be protected through mitigation efforts, interpretive funding, and planning.

We can mitigate adverse consequences.

Sacred Cove Impact?



Sacred Shinob



Sacred Rock Art Location



Escalante Desert/Desert Butte Mustangs



National Historic Old Spanish Trail Silhouettes



National Historic OST Silhouette: structure



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Solar Energy Zones in the Escalante Valley

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