
Large solar panels in the wild

Are solar panels a threat to wildlife?

The vast expanses of solar panels as part of utility-scale solar facilities are a new type of anthropogenically transformed landscape. Understanding the potential risks to wildlife will help planning to ensure that we do not mitigate greenhouse gas at an avoidable cost to biodiversity conservation.

Does solar power affect fauna?

Evidence for fauna impacts at both concentrating solar power (CSP) and photovoltaic (PV) solar facilities was analysed. Solar facilities impact fauna through habitat loss and fragmentation, altered microclimate, and creation of novel habitat.

What are solar-wildlife challenges?

Accompanying this rapid growth of utility-scale solar facilities (also referred to as large-scale solar facilities) within the landscape are solar-wildlife challenges related to increased land conversion into solar facilities.

How do solar panels affect migratory species?

As well as habitat loss and disturbance (e.g., [1]), solar facilities also contribute to habitat fragmentation, with large expanses of solar panels and other infrastructure (e.g., power lines and non-permeable fencing) creating barriers to species' daily, seasonal, and migratory movements [3, 15, 16].

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