## Solar Development Mapping Group Update

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<u>Goal</u>: Produce a map that illustrates the <u>relative suitability</u> of lands for utility scale solar development based on general, mappable criteria.



#### Solar Development Suitability General Model Assessment Criteria





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Slope





**Potential Hazards** 

**Proximity to Infrastructure** 

Categorical Exclusions









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## **Other Factors of Interest**

- Environmental Constraints/Concerns
- Department of Defense Concerns
- Tribal Interests
- Socioeconomic Considerations

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### **Next Steps**

- Share with colleagues and others for review and comment
- Make model diagram refinements
  - Include additional spatial datasets (e.g., water & wetlands)
  - Evaluate model threshold and weight settings

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