

How does solar energy impact ecosystem services?

In the United States, solar energy is forecasted to generate roughly 45% of the electricity by 2050. Although solar energy mitigates the negative effects of climate change by providing electricity without releasing greenhouse gases, little is known about the implications of solar energy development for ecosystem services.

Should ecosystem services be included in future solar energy development decision-making?

This study provides a holistic assessment of incorporating ecosystem services in future solar energy development decision-making and presents an approach for minimizing trade-offs and maximizing sustainable outcomes.

Can solar energy restore plant-dominated ecosystems?

Restoring functional, perennial plant-dominated ecosystems within utility scale solar facilities has been achieved at scale in the midwestern US with existing technologies, thus it offers a realistic solution for an informed energy transition that simultaneously promotes ecosystem health.

Do insect communities respond to new habitat on solar energy facilities?

The research team from Argonne National Laboratory, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and Minnesota Native Landscapes conducted a longitudinal field study over five years (2018 to 2022) to understand how insect communities responded to newly established habitat on solar energy facilities in agricultural landscapes.

Can ecovoltaic solar improve ecosystem services in crop-dominated ecosystems?

We identified opportunities where the strategic placement of ecovoltaic solar could facilitate enhancement of ecosystem services like water quality, pollination services, and wildlife habitat in crop-dominated ecosystems.

Can solar suitability modeling be used in ecosystem service evaluation?

By incorporating solar suitability modeling with ecosystem service evaluation, we develop a method that provides a comprehensive understanding of potential techno-ecological trade-offs.

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Background To phase out fossil fuels and reach a carbon-neutral future, solar energy and notably photovoltaic (PV) installations are being rapidly scaled up. Unlike other ...

This research is relevant to the solar PV ecosystem in the US, and it focuses on actors broadly referred to as "solar installers." I study the effect they have on the ecosystem in terms of ...



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In the western U.S., removing native vegetation to make room for solar farms can threaten endangered animals and insects that rely on these ...

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has announced the Deploying Solar with Wildlife and Ecosystem Services Benefits (SolWEB) funding opportunity, which will award \$10 ...

Utility-scale solar energy (USSE) is rapidly expanding and expected to compose the largest source of renewable-generated electricity in the United States and globally over the ...

rsted announced that the Mockingbird Solar Center in Lamar County, Texas has been awarded Solar Ecosystem of the Year at the 2025 North American Agrivoltaics Awards. ...

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Both projects are funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) and include a focus on the ecological and economic implications ...

Following the passage of the IRA, with its solar manufacturing ecosystem, provisions to level the playing field for US significant gaps remain and present manufacturers, billions of dollars of ...

In ecosystem sciences, a significant short-term perturbation of the environment offers an excellent opportunity to better understand key physical ...



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The solar ecosystem integrates technologies, components, and regulations to harness the sun as a clean and sustainable energy source. There are multiple types of solar ...

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Ecosystem Biogeography Have you ever wondered why deserts are geographically located in one area and forests or grasslands in another? Figure 1.1 Have you noticed that vegetation ...

Each of these regions is home to unique flora and fauna, many of which are under pressure from climate change, pollution, and habitat fragmentation. Solar energy plays a key ...

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The Energy Department's Solar with Wildlife and Ecosystem Benefits program will fund R& D, technical work and stakeholder engagement ...

Beneath rows of shining solar panels in the U.S., something extraordinary is taking root--an inspiring blend of clean energy, agriculture, and biodiversity. In a quiet corner of Virginia, ...



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