

How can solar power improve land-use efficiency?

In the context of large-scale solar power deployment, increasing the actual solar PV generation and reducing the gap to their technical potential will increase the land-use efficiency and take better advantage of limited land resources.

What are the potential impacts of solar energy on land use?

Although the transition to renewable energies will intensify the global competition for land, the potential impacts driven by solar energy remain unexplored. In this work, the potential solar land requirements and related land use change emissions are computed for the EU, India, Japan and South Korea.

Is solar energy a good option for land use?

Recent studies based on satellite views of utility-scale solar energy (USSE) under operation show that their land use efficiency (LUE) is up to six times lower than initial estimates. This suggests that solar energy may not be as efficient in terms of land use as previously thought.

Does solar power increase land value?

Here, we propose a multidimensional land use analysis framework, focusing on power generation, production, ecology, and their co-benefits, aiming to assess the impact of PV applications on land use and to quantify the ensuing changes in land value. The results show that PV deployment significantly increases land values.

Does land use for solar energy compete with other land uses?

Based on the spatially defined LUE of solar energy, as well as the identified potential for solar energy in urban areas, deserts and dry scrublands, land use for solar energy competes with other land uses through the inherent relative profitability of each land use.

How efficient is solar energy in terms of land use?

Recent studies based on satellite views of utility-scale solar energy (USSE) under operation, either in the form of photovoltaics (PV) or concentrated solar power (CSP), show that their land use efficiency (LUE) is up to six times lower than initial estimates.

energy on Australian land. A paper by Nøland et al, published in Scientific Reports, finds that wind and solar are among the most land area-intensive sources of electricity generation.¹⁰ Among renewable sources of power, hydroelectricity is the most energy dense and therefore the least land area-intensive. Non-renewable sources,

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The clearing and use of large areas of land for solar power facilities can adversely affect native vegetation and wildlife in many ways, including loss of habitat; interference with rainfall and drainage; or direct contact causing injury or death. The impacts are exacerbated when the species affected are classified as sensitive, rare, or ...

Project Summary: The goals of this work were to improve the solar resource supply curves that are used in long-term planning models such as the Regional Energy ...

For the land use types, 9.1% and 6.1% of all solar PV power plants are from interactions with irrigated cropland and water, aligning with previous analyses 72,73,74,75. Regarding the distances of ...

With the decreasing cost of photovoltaic (PV) panels and installed cost, policy incentives for renewable energy, and increasing awareness about the necessity of renewable energy, there has been exponential growth in solar PV capacity in the US [7]. Even in NYS, the capacity of solar PV (both distributed and utility-scale) has grown more than five-fold in the last ...

In only a few states are renewable projects exempted from local land use authority. GPI works with communities, land use planners, and local regulators across the Midwest on renewable energy planning and regulation. ...

The Land Use & Permitting workstream The Land-Use and Permitting workstream aims to promote a swift and efficient deployment of inclusive and integrated utility-scale solar PV within a fully renewable energy system, compatible with ecosystem restoration, nature ...

Ever more land conflicts seem inevitable -- certainly for solar power, which operates best in unshaded areas with gentle winds and moderate temperatures, the same conditions favored by many crops. Moreover, the ...

and related land use change emissions of solar energy Dirk-Jan van de Ven w*, Iñigo Capellan-Peréz x, Iñaki Arto w, Ignacio Cazcarro,, ...

Building on previously disturbed land and combining renewable power with other land uses, like agriculture or building solar on rooftops, can minimize land use conflicts.

Reaching the EU's climate, nature protection, and nature restoration objectives will require the mobilisation of

land for renewable energy projects. It will be necessary to use appropriate regulatory frameworks to ensure that land is mobilised for solar deployment. Guidance and best practices on nature conservation and degraded ecosystem ...

The use of solar energy is one of the most promising energy alternatives to meet the challenge of a sustainable future in environmental ... The result is an approach that differs from the literature that focus on the assessment of the renewable energy-mix and land use, exploring the potential impacts in the future and not the real ones [42] [43 ...

Diffusion of renewable energy technologies can be constrained by alternative land uses. Here the authors propose the idea of "aglectric" farming and show with modelling how to use agricultural ...

Meanwhile, Cagle et al. 32 reported 51 distinct terms for describing solar energy-land interactions, stressing a lack of standardization in the field and proposing a unified terminology. However, the suggested approach covers exclusively solar-based technologies. Similarly, Harrison-Atlas et al. 27 provided definitions for land-use intensity and capacity, ...

Although solar PV is favourable for carbon neutrality with its low carbon footprint, the development of PV will have other potential negative environmental impacts, of which land use is a main concern [6], [7], [8]. To produce the same amount of energy, the direct land use requirement of solar PV is estimated to be 50-100 times larger than extractive energy such as ...

Assessing land use and potential conflict in solar and onshore wind energy in Japan. Author links open overlay panel Hideaki Obane, Yu Nagai, Kenji Asano. Show more ... The results of this study can be used as a reference for land-use planning and renewable energy target development. CRediT authorship contribution statement. Hideaki Obane ...

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) released a report [PDF] last week that aimed to quantify exactly how much room solar power requires. Land use and space issues have long been a ...

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