

What You Can Do to STOP HESPERUS SOLAR

Send an email to 10 friends and neighbors.

- Ask your contacts to sign the SHS petition (<https://change.org/stophesperussolar>) and to share the link with their contacts.
- Let them know your concerns about the industrial scale project that Primergy proposes to locate in this community. (See stophesperussolar.com)
- Ask your contacts to volunteer to help stop this wrongly-sited project.
- Ask your contacts to send comments to the County and to plan to attend future Board of County Commissioners meetings pertaining to the application.
(Talking points attached if needed for reference.)

Send comments to the County.

- The more comments submitted the better! The form for submitting your comments is:
https://forms.laplata.co.us/Forms/Planning_Projects_Public_Comments
- Let the County Commissioners (970) 382-6263, staff and officials know your concerns and ask them to deny Primergy's application.
- Plan to make public comments at the *future* Public Hearing with the Board of County Commissioners if the application is considered.
(SHS will send out dates and information in advance.)

Write a letter to the editor or submit an opinion column.

- State your concerns. (See www.stophesperussolar.com and the attached Talking Points for ideas.) Feel free to consult with members of the Steering Committee.
1. The Durango Herald (<https://www.durangoherald.com/letter-to-the-editor/>)
 2. The Telegraph (<https://www.durangotelegraph.com/contact/letters/>)
 3. High Country News (<https://www.hcn.org/policies/lte>)

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Reach out to community organizations.

- Meet with staff, officers, and/or members of local groups, organizations, or businesses.
- Provide information about Primergy's proposal and your concerns. Discuss how Primergy's plan would impact **their** goals and interests specifically, as well as the **local environment at large**.
- In addition to all the ways listed here, community groups can help by reaching out to their members, allies, other groups and businesses.

Post comments about your concerns on social media.

Please ensure your comments are accurate, civil, as well as supportive of our community and environment.

Post SHS flyers in public places that your neighbors frequent.

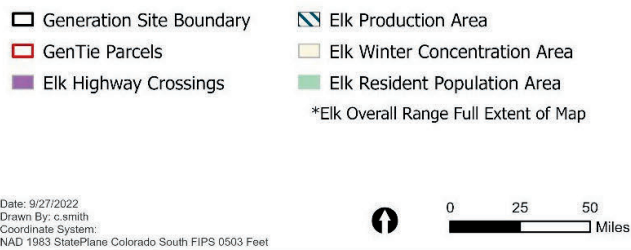
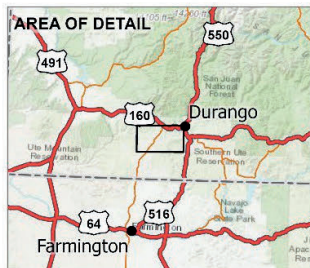
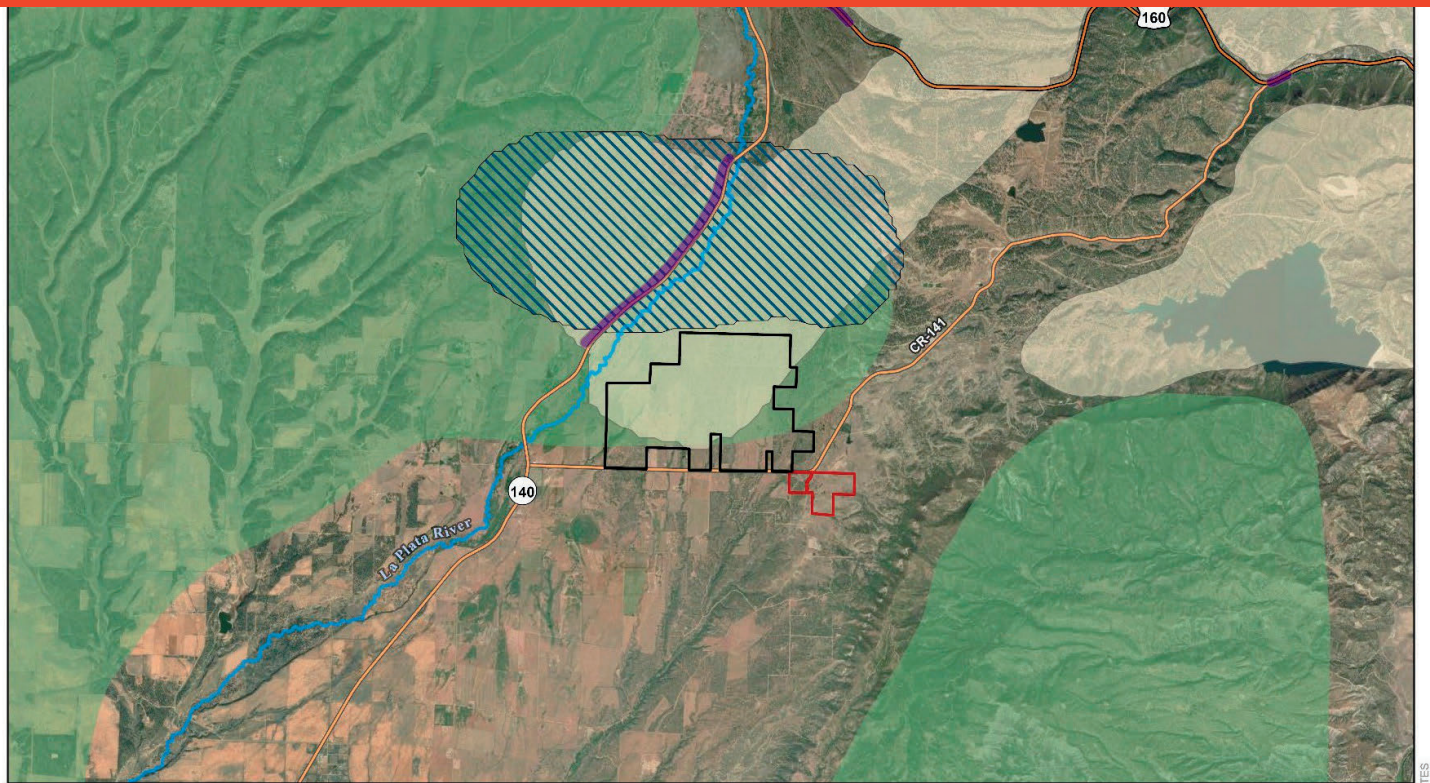
- Circulation flyers available for pickup at : CED 56 Stewart St, Durango, CO 81303
- For print with Taylor at Fresh Off The Press - taylor@durangoprinter.com

Contact

- **LPC County Commissioners - (970) 382-6263**
planning@co.laplata.co.us , commissioners@co.laplata.co.us
- Governor Polis governorpolis@state.co.us
- Michael Bennet, Senator – [Contact Form Here](#)
- John Hickenlooper, Senator – [Contact Form Here](#)
- Barbara McLachlan, House Rep – barbara.mclachlan.house@state.co.us
- Lauren Boebert, Representative – [Contact Form Here](#)

Share this packet with your contacts who also want to know how they can help!

Mapped Elk Habitat with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) comments



Hesperus Solar Project Colorado Parks and Wildlife Elk Concentration and Range

La Plata County, Colorado
 Sections 2-4 and 8-12, Township 34N, Range 11W
 Kline 7.5' USGS Topographic Quadrangle



Data sources: Colorado Parks and Wildlife (1/8/22);
 Service Layer Credits: World Imagery; Earthstar Geographics; World Topographic Map; Esri, HERE, Garmin, FAO, USGS, EPA, NPS

Document Name: Primergy_Maps_BIO_Elk_Deer_UPDATES

“As we discussed during the on-site, this proposed facility will be removing mapped CPW High Priority Habitats, and CPWs goal with any project is to first avoid the loss of the these habitats”....“There is not published literature on how wide a corridor needs to be to effectively allow wildlife to pass through, particularly for deer and elk.” – Peter Foote, CPW Land Use Coordinator to Garrett Parker & Kathryn Meyer Primergy Hesperus Solar (July 19 2022)

“We acknowledge that our project would be a significant loss of range for big game wildlife and other animals that can’t travel through our fence openings. We hope that these modifications will promote big game movement permeability and minimize impact to wildlife.” Kathryn Meyer, Director of Development Primergy Hesperus Solar to CPW (Sept 16, 2022)



"Applicability. All applications for minor and major land use permits shall be assessed in terms of the proposed development's ability to achieve and maintain compatibility with the natural environment and the existing and desired uses where the development is located as described in this section."



"Avoidance of unmitigated nuisance conditions. The development shall not create nuisance conditions that negatively impact adjacent properties or the public. The following nuisances shall be contained within and beyond the development parcel's property lines."

"Natural environment and resources. The development shall not adversely impact the natural environment and/or resources within the surrounding area, which includes critical lands such as but not limited to: archaeological or cultural sites, existing wildlife habitat and migration corridors, and wetlands and riparian areas."

"Glare. Reflective materials utilized for new development shall not produce brightness to cause annoyance, discomfort, or loss in visual performance as seen from the public right of way or from surrounding properties."

"No increase in hazards. The proposed development shall not create or result in hazards, to an extent greater than other uses in the surrounding area to which it would be added."

What's Next?

Visit our website: stophesperussolar.com

- Sign the petition
- Subscribe & Follow for updates
- Attend the public hearing (TBA)
- Contact County & State Officials
- Share our flyers & spread the word



Get Involved - Hesperus Solar is a bad idea
stophesperussolar.com





California-based Primergy wants to install up to 500,000 industrial solar panels south of Hesperus that will result in...



PROTECT OUR LOCAL LANDS



**IRREVERSIBLE LOSS
TO OUR VITAL WILDLIFE
HABITAT, ONE OF THE
LARGEST MIGRATION
CORRIDORS IN THE
STATE OF COLORADO**



**ZERO LOCAL BENEFITS
FOR LA PLATA COUNTY
NO ACCESS TO ENERGY
NO GUARANTEES FOR
JOB OPPORTUNITIES**



**INCREASED FIRE
DANGERS, WATER
CONTAMINATION, TOXIC
CHEMICALS AND
HEALTH RISKS**



**THREATENS HISTORIC
SITES AND
ARCHAEOLOGICAL
DEPOSITS, DESTROYS
PROPERTY VALUES AND
LA PLATA VIEW PLANE**

STOP HESPERUS SOLAR

Stop Hesperus Solar opposes the permit proposal by California based Primergy on the Hesperus Solar Development, in La Plata County, Colorado. The proposed 155-megawatt Industrial facility will erect up to 500,000 panels, while all energy generated will provide no local energy benefits or jobs. If constructed, it will destroy one of the state of Colorado's largest migration corridors and elk winter range. An estimated 1,900 acres will be demolished from our wildlife habitat, migration and agricultural farmland. Additional consequences include irreversible damage to historical and archaeological deposits, water quality, chemical contamination, additional fire hazards, health risks and much more.

Stop Hesperus Solar supports small-scale solar on rooftops or to serve individual properties, but not large-scale industrial facilities that destroy pristine agricultural, rural lands.

**PETITION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
STOPHESPERUSSOLAR.COM**

WHAT'S NEXT?

1

Visit www.stophesperussolar.com and subscribe to receive the latest updates and information to your inbox.

2

Primergy must receive a permit from La Plata County in order to proceed with its industrial solar facility.

3

Sign the petition and circulate the information, contact the County Commissioners to let them know you **do not** want this large industrial facility in our community.

4

Stand with your neighbors, visit our website or contact us for more action steps.



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