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# Solar Ecosystem Production

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.

How does solar energy production affect the environment?

For example, it needs almost four times more land area than a coal plant to produce the same amount of energy, which is detrimental to other productive activities and natural ecosystems. Therefore, solar energy production involves the conversion of large areas, which can have a large environmental impact at different scales.

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.

How is solar energy transforming the energy sector?

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In conclusion, while solar energy production has positive long-term effects on the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, it also has many negative pressures and ...

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