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Overview

Are solar farms a threat to forests?

Solar farm expansion is threatening the ability of forests to mitigate global climate change through carbon sequestration (Roebroek et al., 2023) and to maintain a stable provision of many other ecosystem services (Olesen et al., 2022). Our results suggest that 6320 existing solar farms (9.14%) occur within forests.

Are solar farms causing deforestation?

Given that environmental expenses have not halted the placement of solar farms over forests, it is necessary to revisit the land-use conflicts between solar farms and forests and determine the extent of deforestation due to solar farm construction.

Should solar farms be placed over forests or through deforestation?

Placing solar farms over forests or through deforestation should be discouraged. Forests and solar energy are both critical to achieving the climate goals proposed by the Paris Agreement. However, large-scale deployment of solar farms requires vast land areas, potentially posing conflicts with other land uses.

Do solar farms and forests have land-use conflicts?

Overall, our results suggest that the extent of land-use conflicts between solar farms and forests is small but widespread across the world. These results represent show how realization of climate mitigation targets through renewable energy may come at the cost of forests.

Can solar farms be built over forests?

Land-use conflicts between solar farms and forests have occurred partly because of weak institutions (Kim et al., 2021; Moreira-Dantas and Söder, 2022) and have been further strengthened by the assumption that building

solar farms over forests is feasible and highly energy-efficient. However, this assumption has not been well evaluated.

How can governments reduce land competition between solar farms and forests?

Governments should act now to mitigate the land competition between solar farms and forests and require technological innovation to place solar farms over deserts, abandoned mines, artificial canals, reservoirs, and rooftops, despite these sites being characterized by more scarce, more unstable, and more expensive solar energy.

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Solar panels are used to harvest solar energy. This system works using electrical energy obtained from solar energy [11]. Excess solar energy converted to electrical energy is stored in battery ...

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