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Asher Talerman
Borrego Solar Systems, Inc.
1460 Broadway
New York, NY 10036

Re: Solar array east of Route 30
County: Schoharie Town/City: Schoharie

Dear Mr. Talerman:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to the above project.

We have no records of rare or state-listed animals or plants, or significant natural communities at the project site or in its immediate vicinity.

Within 2.5 miles of the project site is a documented hibernacula of **Northern long-eared bat** (*Myotis septentrionalis*, state and federally listed as Threatened); eight more hibernacula are within five miles. The bats may travel five miles or more from documented locations. The main impact of concern for bats is the cutting or removal of potential roost trees. For information about any permit considerations for your project, please contact the Permits staff at the NYSDEC Region 4 Office at dep.r4@dec.ny.gov, 518-357-2456. For information about potential impacts of your project on these species, and how to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any impacts, contact the Region 4 Wildlife staff at 518-357-2355.

For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted. We cannot provide a definitive statement on the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. Depending on the nature of the project and the conditions at the project site, further information from on-site surveys or other resources may be required to fully assess impacts on biological resources.

For information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the Permits staff at the NYSDEC Region 4 Office as described above.

Sincerely,



Heidi Krahling
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New York Natural Heritage Program