

APPENDIX A
SCOPING REPORT

**BADGER STATE SOLAR
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
PUBLIC SCOPING REPORT**

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Symbols, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NOI	Notice of Intent
PV	photovoltaic
RUS	Rural Utilities Service
US	United States
USDA	US Department of Agriculture

Badger State Solar Environmental Impact Statement

Public Scoping Report

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Introduction

This report describes the scoping process implemented for the Badger State Solar Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) between October 5 and November 6, 2021. The purpose of the public scoping process is to identify the potential environmental issues associated with the Badger State Solar Project, ensure that all interested and affected parties are aware of the Project, and provide the public with an opportunity to participate in and provide input into the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

Project Overview

Badger State Solar, LLC (Badger State Solar) proposes to construct, install, operate, and maintain a 149-megawatt photovoltaic (PV) alternating current solar energy generating facility on a site in the Townships of Jefferson and Oakland, in Jefferson County, Wisconsin. At the time of scoping, the proposed Project included approximately 1,750 acres located on the north and south sides of United States (US) Highway 18, approximately 2 miles west of the City of Jefferson and west of State Highway 89. The collector substation would be located in the Primary Development Area. Site land cover is predominantly agricultural crops and pasture, with some forest and wetland. Following completion of scoping, the project site was reduced to approximately 1,200 acres occupying only the Primary Development Area.

Construction involves the installation on leased lands of 487,848 single-axis tracking PV panels. The PV panels would be mounted on a steel racking frame. Supporting facilities include an electrical substation. The lease agreement allows for an operating period of 40 years. A power purchase agreement has been executed with Dairyland Power Cooperative for the entire output of the Project. The proposed Project site is near the point of interconnection to the grid at the American Transmission Company Jefferson substation near the intersection of State Trunk Highway 89 and US Highway 18.

Ranger Power LLC (Ranger Power) is developing the proposed Project on behalf of Badger State Solar. Ranger Power develops utility-scale solar facilities and seeks solar development opportunities throughout Midwestern states. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to develop a utility-scale solar facility to replace load demand on local utilities resulting from coal-fired power plant closures or scheduled decommissioning.

Many of Wisconsin's fossil-fueled power plants are scheduled to cease power generation over the next several years. Six of the 12 coal-fired power plants in Wisconsin have been retired or are scheduled to go offline, including Dairyland Power's Genoa #3 coal-fired power plant which ceased operations in June 2021. The Proposed Action is needed to offset the loss of generated power from coal-fired power plant

closures. Replacing fossil-fuel-generated power with renewable solar power also would contribute to Dairyland Power's Sustainable Generation Plan goals of reducing carbon dioxide intensity rate and increasing renewable power generation 30 percent by 2030.

Purpose and Need for Agency Action

Badger State Solar has requested Federal financing from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) for development of the Project. Supporting renewable energy projects meets both RUS's goal to support infrastructure development in rural communities and USDA's support of the June 2013 Climate Action Plan, which encourages voluntary actions to increase energy independence.

RUS is considering funding this application, thereby making the proposed Project an undertaking subject to review under the National Historic Preservation Act. RUS has determined that a loan for the Project would be a federal action and is, therefore, subject to NEPA review.

Public Scoping Process

As part of the scoping process, the NEPA regulations require Federal agencies to:

- Hold scoping meetings;
- Invite the participation of affected Federal, state, and local agencies, any affected Indian tribe, the proponent of the action, and other interested persons;
- Determine the scope and significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS; and
- Identify and eliminate issues that are not significant.

The Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare the Badger State Solar EIS and to hold a virtual public scoping meeting was published in the Federal Register on October 5, 2021 initiating the EIS scoping process (see Attachment A). The NOI notified affected Federal, state, and local agencies, Native American Tribes, and other stakeholders to inform them of the Proposed Action and invited them to comment on the Proposed Action and assist in identifying the required permits and approvals that must be obtained and the administrative procedures that must be followed. The NOI also announced a virtual public scoping meeting held on October 26 at 7 pm eastern/6 pm central via Zoom.

In addition to the NOI, a notice was published in the Daily Jefferson County Union and Watertown Daily Times newspapers published on October 6, 7, and 8, 2021 (see Attachment B). The NOI and other project information was available for review on the RUS and Badger State Solar websites (<https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/environmental-studies/impact-statements>, <https://badgerstatesolar.consultation.ai>, and <https://www.badgerstatesolar.com>) and also at the following locations (Jefferson Public Library in Jefferson, WI; the Cambridge Community Library in Cambridge, WI and the Lake Mills Library in Lake Mills, WI).

Information available during scoping included the NOI as well as the Alternative Evaluation and Site Selection Studies prepared for the Project. The Project website <https://badgerstatesolar.consultation.ai> presented information in a virtual open house format. Information as presented on the virtual open house website is provided in Attachment C.

RUS hosted the virtual public scoping meeting on October 26 at 7 pm eastern/6 pm central via Zoom. Two individuals attended this scoping meeting and had no comments during the meeting. The meeting transcript is provided in Attachment D. RUS also hosted an interagency meeting on October 28 at 10 am eastern/9 am central via Microsoft Teams. Seven individuals from various state and Federal agencies and local governments attended the meeting and participated in the discussion.

Summary of Public Scoping Feedback

Public participation is an integral component of the environmental review process for Federal actions. Public participation is especially important during the scoping phase of the proposed Project. With the NOI and virtual public scoping meeting, RUS sought information, comments, and assistance from Federal, state, and local agencies, Tribes, and other individuals who may be interested in or affected by the proposed Project. Information received during scoping is used in preparing the Draft EIS.

No comments were received during the public scoping meeting. Comments received during the interagency meeting were focused on transportation topics (pertaining to access points/restrictions and permitting), wetlands and waterways, and the rusty patched bumblebee. The only written submittal received during the scoping period was a request to be a consulting party on the Project from the US Army Corps of Engineers. This request is included in Attachment D.

Attachment A: Federal Register Notice of Intent

statutes enforced by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs).

Dated: September 30, 2021.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Proposed New Fee Site

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed new fee site.

SUMMARY: The San Juan National Forest (Forest) proposes to charge new fees at the Chimney Rock National Monument. These sites are currently in use by the public, but the Forest Service is not currently charging a fee for their use. Funds from fees would be used for the continued operation and maintenance of these recreation sites. Fees are assessed based on the level of amenities and services provided, cost of operation and maintenance, market assessment, and public comment. Significant capital improvements made in the past few years, coupled with increased visitation, support a fee. A review of visitor use data and fee collection information for existing fee campgrounds and group campgrounds on the Forest demonstrate public need and demand for the variety of recreation opportunities these facilities provide.

DATES: If approved, the new fee would be implemented no earlier than six months following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Pagosa Ranger District, Chimney Rock Fee Change Proposal, P.O. Box 310, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, or by emailing Paul Blackman at paul.blackman@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Blackman, District Recreation Staff, 970-264-1505 or paul.blackman@usda.gov. Information about proposed fee changes can also be found on the San Juan National Forest's website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108-447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six-month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. Fees are based on the level of amenities and services provided, the cost of operations and maintenance, and the market assessment of similar types of

opportunities within the geographic area.

The current fee is \$12-\$16 per adult and \$6-\$8 per child which is charged by the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association. The proposal will establish a new Forest Service fee of \$20 per vehicle for five days and \$10 per motorcycle for five days. Revenue from these fees will help the Forest Service and its partner, Chimney Rock Interpretive Association, to provide services and amenities so visitors can continue to access and enjoy a unique and high-quality monument experience. Revenue would be directed primarily towards infrastructure maintenance and repairs, as well as Forest Service activities such as managing parking, maintaining trails, providing education, protecting cultural resources, and providing other visitor services.

Once public involvement is complete, these new fees will be reviewed and approved by the Rocky Mountain Regional Office prior to a final decision and implementation.

Dated: September 29, 2021.

Sandra Watts,

Acting Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

[Docket Number: RUS-21-Electric-0020]

Badger State Solar, LLC: Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Hold a Virtual Public Scoping Meeting on October 26, 2021

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and hold a virtual public scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and hold a virtual public scoping meeting in connection with possible impacts related to the Badger State Solar, LLC's Alternating Current solar project (Project). The Project consists of a 149-megawatt photovoltaic Alternating Current solar energy generating facility located on approximately 1,750 acres in the Townships of Jefferson and Oakland, in Jefferson County, Wisconsin. RUS is considering funding this application, thereby making the proposed Project an undertaking subject to review under the

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). RUS has determined that a loan for the Project would be a federal action and is, therefore, subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review.

DATES: The public scoping meeting webinar will be held on October 26, 2021 at 7 p.m. EST via Zoom. Those wishing to attend the webinar are invited to register online at the virtual scoping meeting room website <https://badgerstatesolar.consultation.ai>. An email will be sent to registrants with information for how to access the webinar. Attendees will be able to provide spoken comments during the webinar. The virtual scoping meeting room is an interactive website which will be available throughout the public scoping period. Attendees will be able to submit written comments through the virtual scoping meeting room website. Written comments may also be submitted to BadgerStateSolarEIS@usda.gov.

Written requests to participate as a "consulting party" or to provide comments for consideration during the scoping process for the proposed Project must be received on or before November 4, 2021.

ADDRESSES: To request "consulting party" status, submit comments, or for further information, please contact: BadgerStateSolarEIS@usda.gov.

Project-related information will be available at RUS's and Badger State Solar's websites located at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/environmental-studies/impact-statements>, <https://badgerstatesolar.consultation.ai>, and <https://www.badgerstatesolar.com>. This includes the Alternative Evaluation and Site Selection Studies prepared for the project. Project information will also be available at the Jefferson Public Library in Jefferson, WI; the Cambridge Community Library in Cambridge, WI and the Lake Mills Library in Lake Mills, WI.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, electronic communication is preferred because delivery of hard copies by mail may not be delivered in a timely manner.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RUS is the lead federal agency, as defined at 40 CFR 1508.1(o), for preparation of the EIS. With this notice, federal and state agencies and federally recognized Tribes with jurisdiction or special expertise are invited to be cooperating agencies. Such agencies or tribes may make a request to RUS to be a cooperating agency by contacting the RUS contact provided in this notice. Designated cooperating

agencies have certain responsibilities to support the NEPA and scoping process, as specified at 40 CFR 1501.8.

In addition, with this notice, RUS invites any affected federal, state, and local agencies, Tribes, and other interested persons to comment on the scope, alternatives, and significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS.

Throughout the scoping period a virtual public scoping meeting room will be available online at <https://badgerstatesolar.consultation.ai>. The virtual public scoping meeting room is an interactive website which will include information about the project, the NEPA process, and next steps in the process. Interested parties will also be able to register to attend the October 26 webinar on Zoom through the virtual scoping meeting room website.

Public participation is an integral component of the environmental review process for federal actions. Public participation will be especially important during the scoping phase of the proposed Project. RUS will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from federal, State, and local agencies, Tribes, and other individuals who may be interested in or affected by the proposed Project. This input will be used in preparing the Draft EIS. Comments submitted during the scoping process should be in writing. The comments should describe as clearly and completely as possible any issues, concerns, or input commenters may have so that they can be addressed appropriately in the EIS.

RUS is considering funding this application, thereby making the proposed Project an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. 470(f), and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR part 800). Any party wishing to participate directly with RUS as a "consulting party" in Section 106 review may submit a written request to the RUS contact provided below. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.3(f)(3), RUS will consider, and provide a timely response to any and all requests for consulting party status.

Badger State Solar proposes to construct, install, operate, and maintain a 149-megawatt photovoltaic Alternating Current solar energy generating facility on a site in the Townships of Jefferson and Oakland, in Jefferson County, Wisconsin. The proposed project is approximately 1,750 acres located on the north and south sides of U.S. Highway 18, approximately 2-miles west of the City of Jefferson and west of State Highway

89. The collector substation would be located in the Primary Development Area. Site land cover is predominantly agricultural crops and pasture, with some forest and wetland.

Construction involves the installation on leased lands of 127,752 single-axis tracking PV panels in the Primary Project area. The PV panels would be mounted on a steel racking frame. Supporting facilities include an electrical substation. The lease agreement allows for an operating period of 40 years. A power purchase agreement (PPA) has been executed with Dairyland Power Cooperative for the entire output of the Project. The proposed site is near the point of interconnection to the grid at the American Transmission Company Jefferson substation near the intersection of State Trunk Highway 89 and U.S. Highway 18.

Construction equipment would include graders, bulldozers, excavators, forklifts, trailers, plows, trenchers, pile drivers, and directional boring rigs. Vehicles for transporting construction materials and components primarily would be legal load over-the-road flatbed and box trucks. Transport would use existing regional roads, bridges, and intersections. Laydown areas would be established within the Project site. Internal site access roads would be required. The site would be fenced. Overhead collector circuits would not be required.

Badger State has submitted an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC). Consultations have been conducted with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and an endangered resource review (ER) has been submitted to the agency. Consultations with other agencies include the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Badger State has consulted property owners, local town and county officials and staff, state elected representatives, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection, and engaged the general public.

Among the alternatives that RUS will address in the EIS is the No Action alternative, under which the proposal would not be undertaken or if RUS did not fund the proposed Project, and any reasonable alternatives defined as a result of the scoping process. In the EIS, the effects of the proposal will be

compared to the existing conditions in the affected area of the proposal. Public health and safety, environmental impacts, socio-economic, and engineering aspects of the proposal will also be considered in the EIS.

As part of its broad environmental review process, RUS must take into account the effect of the proposal on historic properties in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR part 800). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3), RUS is using its procedures for public involvement under NEPA to meet its responsibilities to solicit and consider the views of the public during Section 106 review. Accordingly, comments submitted in response to this Notice will inform RUS decision-making during Section 106 review.

From information provided in the studies mentioned above, and using input provided by government agencies, tribes, and the public, RUS will prepare a Draft EIS. The Draft EIS will be filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and will be available for public comment by the Fall 2021. At that time, the RUS and USEPA will publish a notice of the availability of the Draft EIS and notice of receipt, respectively, in the **Federal Register**. In addition, the Badger State Solar will publish notices in local newspapers and any online local news sources. The comment period for the DEIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes its **Federal Register** notice announcing receipt of the Draft EIS.

To assist the involved federal agencies in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposal, comments on the Draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if the comments refer to the specific pages or chapters of the Draft EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the Draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the CEQ's regulations at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points. After the comment period ends on the Draft EIS, the comments will be analyzed, considered, and responded to by the agencies involved in preparing the Final EIS.

The public will again have the opportunity to review and comment on the Final EIS. Upon completion of a 30-day public comment period, the RUS will document its decision regarding the proposed Project and reasons for the decision in a Record of Decision. A public notice announcing the availability of the Record of Decision

will be published in the **Federal Register** and local newspapers.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposal will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant executive orders and federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations in addition to the completion of the environmental review requirements as prescribed in RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures, 7 CFR part 1970.

Christopher A. McLean,

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service,
U.S. Department of Agriculture.*

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Kentucky Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Kentucky Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The Committee will discuss civil rights concerns in the state.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 14, 2021, from 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES:

Online Registration (Audio/Visual):
<https://bit.ly/3AQUdmE>.

Telephone (Audio Only): Dial 800–360–9505 USA Toll Free; Access code: 433 716 81.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Delaviez, DFO, at bdelaviez@usccr.gov or (202) 376–8473.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public can listen to these discussions. Committee meetings are available to the public through the above call-in number. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-

line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Liliana Schiller at lschiller@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (312) 353–8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Kentucky Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email or street address.

Agenda

Roll Call
Introduction of Liliana Schiller
Post-Report Gate—Discussion about distribution of Report on Bail Reform
Concept Stage—orientation/reminder of Stage Gate Process
Next Steps
Open Comment
Adjourn

Dated: Monday, September 30, 2021.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Boundary and Annexation Survey

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general

public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

Title: Boundary and Annexation Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0607–0151.

Form Number(s): BAS–1, BAS–2, BAS–3, BAS–5, BAS–6, BASSC–1L, BASSC–3L, BASSC–4L.

Type of Request: Regular submission, Request for a Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

Number of Respondents: 40,000 governments.

Average Hours per Response: 7.5 hours. This estimate is based on an average of 5 hours for a no change participant and 10 hours for a participant with changes.

Burden Hours: 300,000 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) provides tribal, state, and local governments an opportunity to review the Census Bureau's legal boundary data to ensure the Census Bureau has the correct boundary, name, and status information. BAS also allows participants to review and provide updates to Census Designated Places (CDPs). BAS fulfills the agency's responsibility as part of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, for which the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–16 designates the Census Bureau as the lead federal agency for maintaining national data about legal government boundaries, as well as statistical and administrative boundaries. BAS supports the spatial data steward responsibilities of the *OMB E-Gov*, *Data.gov*, the National Map, and Geographic Names Information System.

The Census Bureau uses the boundaries collected in BAS to tabulate data for various censuses and surveys including the decennial census, American Community Survey (ACS), and Population Estimates Program (PEP). It also uses the legal boundaries collected through BAS to support several other programs such as Congressional and State Legislative redistricting, the Economic Census, the Geographic Update Population Certification Program, and the Special Census program.

Numerous federal programs also rely on accurate boundaries collected through BAS. The U.S. Geological

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Attachment B: Newspaper Advertisements

Koepka, DeChambeau to face off in made-for-TV match in Vegas

Brooks Koepka and Bryson DeChambeau will finally get their match, even if it's just 12 holes.

After hitting heads in a dispute driven largely on social media for the better part of two years, Koepka and DeChambeau will face each other in the latest edition of "Capital One's The Match" the day after Thanksgiving at Wynn Golf Course on the Las Vegas Strip.

The Nov. 26 exhibition will be shown on TNT and give everyone plenty of time to relive their back-and-forth that began at Liberty National in August 2019 and appeared to cool when they were teammates on the winning U.S. team at the Ryder Cup.

DeChambeau hinted at "something fun coming up here" during his news conference at the Ryder Cup. Koepka was asked about it two days later at his news conference and said: "I have no idea. I didn't listen to the comment or hear what he said."

Both will have open mics during the 12-hole match.

Koepka and DeChambeau have been paired together only four times on the PGA Tour, most recently in 2019 for the opening two rounds of the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill. The other occasions were the third round of the Tour Championship in 2018 and the final round of the 2016 Masters, when DeChambeau was an amateur.

DeChambeau will be making his second appearance in the made-for-TV bonanza, having partnered with Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers in beating Phil

Mickelson and Tom Brady last summer. Koepka is playing in it for the first time.

DeChambeau was in Las Vegas last week and reached the quarterfinals of the Long Drivers Association Championship, a remarkable feat considering he faced the world's best at swinging as hard and launching as far as they could. He had a number of drives go 400 yards or more.

The exhibition, which began with Mickelson beating Tiger Woods in 2018 at Shadow Creek, has raised nearly \$30 million for various charities and generated some 10 million net donations.

NEXT UP IN RYDER CUP?

Sam Burns won for the second time this year on the PGA Tour just 13 days after Ryder Cup captain Steve Stricker broke the news that Burns would not be part of the U.S. team.

Burns can't start earning points for the 2023 team until next year. And if history is any indication, the U.S. team will feature plenty of newcomers. The Americans steamrolled Europe for the largest margin of victory — 19-9 — since the modern era began in 1979 by expanding Britain and Ireland to include continental Europe.

The U.S. team that won at Hazeltine by a 17-11 margin had only six players make it back to the team that went to France in 2018. That's not unusual. Dating to 1981, there have been only six Ryder Cups where more than six Americans made it back to the next team.

One question is, who would be the six not at Whistling Straits? Among those who missed out, besides Burns, were Patrick Reed, Webb Simpson and the slumping Rickie Fowler. Matthew Wolff figured to be on the 2021 team when he tied for fourth and was runner-up in consecutive majors in 2020, but he went into a tailspin with his game and emotions. As for newcomers? Remember, Collin Morikawa was still in college when the previous Ryder Cup was played.

Perhaps the better question is, who won't make it back?

The 1999 and 2012 teams had eight returning players. The two constants were Phil Mickelson, who set a record by playing in 12 successive teams, and Jim Furyk, who played nine in a row.

For now, it's hard to imagine a U.S. team without Justin Thomas and Jordan Spieth, Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantlay, and Morikawa and Bryson DeChambeau for years to come.

Then again, Spieth would have been left off the team if not for the one-year postponement because of the coronavirus pandemic.

CADDIE MOVEMENTS
Two major champions are starting the new season with different caddies. Ted Scott had been with two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson his entire career, and they have decided to part ways. Watson said Scott "deserves more credit than anyone can imagine" for helping him on and off the golf course.

Jimmy Johnson is no longer with Justin Thomas, the 2017 PGA Champion

and FedEx Cup champion. No reason was given for their split, except for Thomas saying he did not fire Johnson. Thomas said Jim "Bones" Mackay, the former longtime caddie for Phil Mickelson, will work for him. Johnson said the second full-time caddie Thomas had as a pro.

MONEY FOR NOTHING

The steady increase in prize money plays a role in Cameron Tringale extending his lead as the player with the most PGA Tour earnings without winning. His most recent chance was the Sanderson Farms Championship, where Tringale began the final round one shot behind and closed with a 71 to tie for 11th. That was worth \$162,750, pushing his career earnings to \$14,487,568.

Tringale is better than \$1 million better than Brian Davis of England, who played his last full season in 2019. The difference is Davis has played 372 events, compared with 311 for Tringale.

Of the nine players with \$10 million or more without winning (who primarily play the PGA Tour), Brett Quigley had the most starts at 408.

Tringale makes his 312th start this week in Las Vegas. He says the joy comes more from competing than the cash.

"I've been out here a long time. I haven't won, but I love competing, and I just want to see if I can keep beating guys," he said.

before the final round. "Sunday they give the trophies away, but you're really out there grinding and you're playing against yourself. But it's just fun to see how I can match up when I'm playing well and even when I'm not, just how to manage that and get the most out of each week."

"That's kind of the fun part for me," he said. "I'm kind of a journeyman to this point and I'm enjoying the journey."

RYDER CUP REUNION

Steve Stricker and Padraig Harrington are competing again, this time with golf clubs. Harrington turned 50 on Aug. 31, three weeks before the Ryder Cup. He makes his PGA Tour Champions debut this week in the Constellation Furyk & Friends Invitational at Timpanogas Country Club in Jacksonville, Florida. Stricker also is in the field.

As much as the PGA Tour Champions often boasts the number of former major champions in its fields, this feels like a reunion of past Ryder Cup captains. Harrington and Stricker are among 10 former captains at Timpanogas.

European captains are Bernhard Langer (2004), Colin Montgomerie (2010), Jose Maria Olazabal (2012), Darren Clarke (2016) and Harrington (2021).

U.S. captains are Tom Lehman (2006), Corey Pavin (2010), Davis Love III (2012 and 2016),

tournament host Jim Furyk (2018) and Stricker (2021).

DIVOTS

The Asian Tour is set to resume in November, having not played since March 2020 because of the pandemic. The tour has two tournaments scheduled for Thailand and plans two more in Singapore after the Christmas break. ... With seven tournaments left in the year, Dustin Johnson and Scottie Scheffer are the only U.S. Ryder Cup members who have yet to qualify for the Sentry Tournament of Champions at Kapalua. ... Patrick Reed returns to competition this week at the Shlens Children's Open in Las Vegas, his first event since he was not picked for the Ryder Cup team. ... The European Tour again will finish its season with back-to-back tournaments in Dubai. The AVIV Dubai Championship on Nov. 11-14 precedes the DP World Tour Championship that concludes the Race to Dubai. A year ago, the second Dubai tournament was part of the tour's plan to stay in areas for two events as part of its strict bubble. This year's Dubai Championship takes the spot on the schedule vacated by the Nedbank Golf Challenge in South Africa.

STAT OF THE WEEK

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Wisconsin's largest cities targeted in election probe

By SCOTT BAUER
Associated Press

MADISON — The mayors of Wisconsin's five largest and most Democratic cities started to receive subpoenas this week as part of a Republican-ordered investigation into the 2020 presidential election being led by a retired state Supreme Court justice.

Attorney Michael Gableman, in an interview Tuesday with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, also said he did not understand how elections work after last year claiming without evidence to supporters of Donald Trump that the election had been stolen.

Gableman issued his first round of subpoenas last week to the Wisconsin Elections Commission and officials in the cities of Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Racine and Kenosha. He issued subpoenas

to the mayors in those five cities on Tuesday and Wednesday.

President Joe Biden won all five of those cities on his way to defeating Trump in undermining public confidence in elections. There is no evidence of widespread fraud in Wisconsin. Only four people out of about 3 million who cast ballots in the election have been charged with fraud.

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, a Democrat, called the subpoena a "broadly worded request" that was under review by the city attorney's office.

The subpoenas Gableman has issued so far, which are signed by Vos, seek a wide array of election information, including "all documents contained in your files and/or in your custody, possession, or

control pertaining to the Election." That could amount of thousands of pages of documents, or more.

Gableman told the Journal Sentinel if the officials want to narrow down his request "I'm certainly open to doing what is efficient."

Gableman spoke to the Green Bay City Council about the investigation on Tuesday night. In an interview with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, he also admitted to not understanding how elections work.

"Most people, myself included, do not have a comprehensive understanding or even an understanding of how elections work," Gableman told the Journal Sentinel.

Gableman said his report would compare how the 2020 election was supposed to work versus how it did.

"Section one: What should have occurred during the election? How do these things work? Most people don't

know about that," he told the newspaper. "Election laws are unlike, say, laws about don't kill me — they're not intuitive. No one can call elections laws common sense. Once you understand them, it may be common sense but it's not intuitive. And so most people, myself included, do not have a comprehensive understanding or even an understanding of how elections work."

Gableman did not immediately return a message from The Associated Press seeking comment Wednesday.

Gableman also said in Green Bay on Tuesday night that he does not know if he can complete his investigation by the end of October, as Republican Assembly Speaker Robin Vos said he expected it to be done. Gableman, who was hired by Vos and is being paid \$11,000 a month in taxpayer money, did not say how long he thought his work would take. The total budget for the probe is \$675,000.

California oil spill renew calls to ban offshore drilling

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California has been a leader in restricting offshore oil drilling since the infamous 1969 Santa Barbara spill that sparked the modern environmental movement, and the latest spill off Huntington Beach is prompting fresh calls for an end to such drilling.

That's easier said than done, even in California. While the state hasn't issued

a new lease in state water in five decades, drilling from existing platforms continues. Similarly, an effort in Congress that aims to halt new drilling in federal waters — more than 3 miles (4.8 kilometers) off the coast — wouldn't stop drilling that's already happening.

Speaking from Huntington Beach on Tuesday, California Gov. Gavin Newsom

acknowledged it's easier to resist new drilling than to wind down what already exists.

"Banning new drilling is not complicated," he said. "The deeper question is how do you transition and still protect the workforce?"

Today, there are 19 oil and gas agreements in California's coastal waters and

1,200 active wells. In federal waters, there are 23 oil and gas production facilities off the state's coast.

A pipeline connected to one of those platforms in federal waters, run by Houston-based Amplify Energy, has spilled up to 126,000 gallons (372,807 liters) of heavy crude in one of the worst oil spills in recent California history.

FORT ATKINSON POLICE LOG

Friday, Oct. 1

Officers checked on a suspicious vehicle in the 1600 block of Endl Boulevard but everything appeared to be fine, and an elderly woman who appeared to be walking with a suitcase in the 1200 block of West Cramer Street who was on her way to the grocery store; determined that a vehicle thought to be heading to Fort

Atkinson by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office took a different direction as it never showed up, and that a complaint of suspicious activity was unfounded when it was learned that the homeowner was doing something; will follow up on a complaint of a disorderly driver at a loading dock in the 200 block of East Cramer Street; documented information from a telephone call for a resident and a restraining order for another; were unable to locate a small brown dog reportedly running at large in

the 800 block of Dempster Street.

Officers also contacted the Humane Society of Jefferson County for another dog reportedly running at large then canceled the request when the owner showed up to claim the dog; left a message for the residents in the first block of Shirley Street who left a microwave on the curb that needed to be picked up during bulk pickup week; assisted Luther Elementary School staff with a student attempting to leave the school, and a driver remove a disabled vehicle from traffic in the 1200 block of Madison Avenue; spoke with a resident in the 300 block of Merchants Avenue about a civil matter; mediated a dispute between roommates in the 500 block of West Blackhawk Drive; advised the Fort Atkinson Water Department of a leak from a hydrant in the 1400 block of Endl Boulevard; moved along a 46-year-old Jefferson man from a bar in the first block of South Main Street after warning him for disorderly conduct; and handled one confidential incident related to an undisclosed situation.

7:35 a.m.: A 45-year-old Beloit man was cited at the intersection of South Fourth Street West and Grove Street for speeding.

8:45 a.m.: A 15-day correction notice was issued to a driver at the intersection of South Main Street and Margaret Avenue for illegible license plates and falling

to provide proof of insurance, and warned the driver for speeding.

11:40 a.m.: Ryan Brothers Ambulance Service transported a resident from the 1100 block of Erick Street to Fort Memorial Hospital.

11:44 a.m.: No citations were issued for a state-reportable accident with no injuries when a driver struck a motorcycle in the 1500 block of Madison Avenue. A 60-year-old Green Cove Springs, Fla., man and a 71-year-old Fort Atkinson woman were involved.

12:48 p.m.: Ryan Brothers Ambulance Service transported a resident from the 400 block of East Sherman Avenue to Fort Memorial Hospital.

1:19 p.m.: Ryan Brothers Ambulance Service transported a resident from the 700 block of Florence Street to Fort Memorial Hospital.

4:24 p.m.: Ryan Brothers Ambulance Service transported a resident from the 400 block of Wilcox Street to Fort Memorial Hospital.

10:20 p.m.: A 42-year-old Nashotah woman was arrested in the first block of South Water Street East for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, first offense, probable alcohol content and unsafe backing when she backed her vehicle into a parked vehicle, resulting in a state-reportable accident.

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Ortega nets 4 goals as L-Cats shut out Phoenix

Jaiien Ortega scored four goals and Isaac Lambert added one as Lake Mills shut out Luther Prep 5-0 in a Capitol Conference boys soccer match on Thursday at LPS.

Luther Prep (6-8, 3-5 in conference) came out quickly with two very dangerous shots on frame within the first two minutes, but the L-Cats (13-2-1, 5-2 in conference) thwarted both with two tremendous goalkeeping saves.

They then turned around the game as Ortega was fouled inside of the box. He promptly scored from the penalty mark in the fourth minute. Luther Prep still had momentum after being down a goal as they continued to provide dangerous opportunities.

But the L-Cats again found goal as they broke away and slid one past the diving keeper — an odd goal by Ortega as the ball hit the post and then the back of Luther Prep goalkeeper Aleksei Soloviyov and into the goal.

Still, Luther Prep again took shots, but

Lake Mills continued to deflect them. After a costly turnover in the midfield, though, Lambert lofted a shot from 45 yards out which landed just over the fingertips of the Phoenix goalkeeper.

It was a really clever shot, and the L-Cats had three goals in just three shots. It was then that the L-Cats took over the game with Luther Prep providing no real nice chances on goal.

The L-Cats added two more in the second half — both scored by Ortega — one a PK and one an uncontested header from 12 yards out on a corner kick. At the final whistle, the visitors left the rainy pitch 5-0 victors.

Lake Mills hosts Lakeside Lutheran on Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.

LAKE MILLS 5, LUTHER PREP 0

Lake Mills 3-2 - 5
Luther Prep 0-0 - 0
LM - Ortega 3/37
LM - Ortega 16/27
LM - Lambert 18/24
LM - Ortega 58/32 - PK
LM - Ortega 2/25
Shots - LM 21, LP 6



Kevin Wilson

Lake Mills senior forward/midfielder Jaiien Ortega gets off a shot on goal after beating Luther Prep defender Jeremiah Bain during a Capitol Conference boys soccer match on Thursday afternoon at LPS. Ortega scored four goals for the L-Cats in a 5-0 victory.

NFL GLANCE

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE							
East							
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA		
Buffalo	3	1	0	.750	134	44	
Miami	1	3	0	.250	62	109	
N.Y. Jets	1	3	0	.250	47	84	
New England	1	3	0	.250	71	70	
South							
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA		
Tennessee	2	2	0	.500	95	111	
Houston	3	0	0	.750	87	116	
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.250	83	83	
87	Jacksonville	0	4	0	.000	74	115
North							
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA		
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	105	92	
Cincinnati	3	1	0	.750	92	75	
Cleveland	3	1	0	.750	100	67	
Pittsburgh	3	0	0	.750	67	93	
West							
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA		
Denver	3	0	0	.750	95	95	
L.A. Chargers	3	1	0	.750	95	95	
95	Las Vegas	3	1	0	.750	104	100
Kansas City	2	0	0	.500	134	125	
NATIONAL CONFERENCE							
East							
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA		
Dallas	3	1	0	.750	126	97	
Washington	2	2	0	.500	101	122	
N.Y. Giants	1	3	0	.250	81	85	
Philadelphia	1	3	0	.250	84	84	
106	South						
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA		
Carolina	3	1	0	.750	97	86	
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	.250	122	105	
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500	94	94	
99	North						
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA		
Atlanta	1	3	0	.250	78	126	
100	West						
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA		
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	95	100	
Chicago	2	2	0	.500	64	91	
Minnesota	3	0	0	.750	94	92	
Detroit	0	4	0	.000	81	119	
West							
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA		
Arizona	4	0	0	1.000	140	85	
L.A. Rams	3	1	0	.750	115	99	
San Francisco	2	2	0	.500	107	107	
102	Seattle	2	2	0	.500	103	106

Struggling UW looks to bounce back against Illinois

By Terry Towry
Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Wisconsin will try to get back on track against Illinois on Saturday after suffering consecutive losses for just the fifth time in seven seasons under coach Paul Chryst.

The Badgers (1-3, 0-2 Big Ten) are off to their worst start since 1950 and are 5-8 over their last 13 games and 9-10 over their last 19 games.

Standing in the Badgers' way is former coach Bretielema and an Illinois squad that has also stumbled this season.

Bielema, in his first year at Illinois (2-4, 1-2), understands the pressure and interest surrounding playing his old team. Chryst was an offensive coordinator on Bielema's Wisconsin staffs from 2006-11.

"Paul and I were together six of my seven

years there," Bielema said. "There are some comparisons but there are also a lot of differences. The basic core value of run-play action is very similar to what we were but there are also a lot of unique, new things that pop out when we watch them on tape."

Chryst said he sees some similarities between what Bielema is doing at Illinois and what he did during his tenure at Wisconsin.

"I think in knowing him and what he values in his team, you're seeing that on film," he said. "Obviously a lot of respect for him, and I think he's put together a really good staff. You do see it."

QB QUESTIONS
Wisconsin quarterback Graham Mertz and tight end Jake Ferguson are expected to play on Saturday. Both suffered chest injuries in the Michigan game and were initially listed as questionable for the Illinois game. Mertz and Ferguson connected on three of Mertz' five touchdown passes in Wisconsin's blowout of Illinois last season.

"He's been able to practice. That part's been good," Chryst said of his QB on Thursday. "Expecting to have everyone

there. Ferg's (Ferguson) been able to practice. That part's all been good."

Illinois appears to be staying with Brandon Peters, despite some poor game decisions and accuracy problems. Backup Art Sitkowski is available should Peters falter.

ALL ABOUT THE DEFENSE

Wisconsin ranks third in the nation and leads the Big Ten in total defense, allowing just 249 yards per game. The Badgers also rank seventh in the country allowing just 4.3 yards per play.

"Statistics are great, they're a great thing to reference, but the key ingredient is what worked Saturday (a 24-14 win over Charlotte)," Bielema said. "What we did on Saturday is what our offense is going to be greatly dedicated to this week."

Illinois has held opponents to 20 points or fewer in three straight games for the first time since 2011, when it had a streak of four straight to start the season. The Illini have forced at least one turnover in each game and are averaging 2.5 sacks per game.

The Illini have given up 292.2 yards passing per game, which ranks 119th in FBS.

Illinois has been

without two of its top defenders in linebacker Jake Hansen and cornerback Devon Witherspoon the past two games due to undisclosed injuries. Both are questionable for Saturday.

ILLINI RUNNING GAME

Illinois' ground game is led by Chase Brown and true freshman Josh McCray.

Brown rushed for 257 yards against Charlotte last week and tied his

career high with two rushing touchdowns. His 257 yards were the fourth-most in a game in school history. McCray ran for a career-best 150 yards on 24 carries against Purdue on Sept. 25.

PAST SUCCESS

Wisconsin has won 10 of its last 11 meetings with Illinois. Since 2003, the Badgers have left Memorial Stadium with a win in six of their last eight trips to Champaign.

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this year and won them all. That has to be unheard of. That many tiebreakers in a year is a lot. Usually those are close and she won all 10."

Alexa Medina (No. 4 singles) lost to Edgewood's Hannah Poehling 7-6(3), 7-5 in the championship match after knocking off Altoona's Natalie Beltz 6-3, 6-2 in the semis.

"Medina really played well the first match," Rogers said. "The sets were close against Edgewood too. I liked the way she finished up her year and kept getting better and better. Realized she could move the ball around a little bit to get it in and win some points."

Aeryn Messmann and Bre Mengel (No. 3 doubles) lost to West Salem's Rebekah Knudson and Grace Waldhart 6-4, 7-6(7) in the third-place match after falling to Altoona's Sofia Bach and Katelyn Beltz 6-1, 6-2.

"The West Salem match was close and they gave it a good run there," Rogers said. "Both are just starting tennis. Their ceilings are high and both are good athletes."

"It was a very enjoyable season. Lost a lot of seniors from last year. The ones that came up filled in nicely. We went 12-10 in duals and placed highly at a competitive sectional, which is pretty good."

CURTIS FALLS IN STRAIGHT SETS

Lake Mills junior Chaudis Curtis lost her opening match in the No. 1 singles flight to Dantica Silcox of La Crosse Aquinas 6-0, 6-0.



Player of the Week
Lake Mills junior quarterback Caden Belling threw four touchdown passes in a 28-24 come-from-behind victory at Big Foot in week seven.

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Kevin Wilson

Luther Prep senior Ella Tomhave had eight digs for the Phoenix in a 3-0 win over Lodi on Tuesday at LPS.

Phoenix sweep Blue Devils

Anna Kieselhorst had 14 digs and served four aces for Luther Prep's volleyball team in a 25-17, 25-15, 25-18 Capitol North win over Lodi on Tuesday at LPS.

Sam Fisch finished with nine kills and four blocks for the Phoenix (17-10, 5-3 in conference). Emma Bortulin added six kills. Molly Fitzsimmons had 10 assists and eight digs. Andrea Bortulin added six assists. Ella Tomhave had eight digs.

"After our loss to Columbus last night, this was a great way to bounce back," Luther Prep volleyball coach Erin Notting said. "It was a total team effort and it was fun to see everyone contribute to our win! It is homecoming week and it is Parent's Night so there was a lot of energy here tonight. We are looking forward to our last tournament at Shoreland Lutheran on Saturday to fine-tune some things heading into our tough week next week (at Lake Mills and Lakeside)."

The JV won 25-9, 25-18,

25-6. The freshmen also won 3-0.

Phoenix fall to Columbus in five

COLUMBUS — Luther Prep's volleyball team lost to Columbus 22-25, 22-25, 25-16, 25-20, 8-15 on Monday.

Emma Bortulin had 18 kills and Sam Fisch added 11 kills and 3.5 blocks for Luther Prep (16-10, 4-3 on conference). Molly Fitzsimmons led in assists with 20 and added 24 digs. Andrea Bortulin put up 14 assists. Anna Kieselhorst led the back row with 29 digs. Ella Tomhave added 25 digs.

"Tonight we again could not control our own errors," Luther Prep volleyball coach Erin Notting said.

"We had some really great moments but unfortunately we could not put together enough offense when we needed to. Columbus was scrappy and did a great job of playing



Kevin Wilson

Luther Prep junior Naomi Pechman dives for a serve that clipped the net during a Capitol North volleyball match against Lodi on Tuesday at LPS. Luther Prep won 3-0.

The Phoenix JV won 24-26, 25-17, 25-18. Luther Prep's freshmen also won 25-4, 25-5, 25-10.

consistent all night.

Chiefs hit game-winner in 76th minute of victory vs L-Cats

LAKE MILLS — Isaac Sandoval hit the game-winner in the 76th minute as Wisconsin Dells topped the host Lake Mills boys soccer team 3-1 in a Capitol Conference game on Tuesday.

The Chiefs' Jacob Rogers opened the scoring with an unassisted goal in the eighth minute.

L-Cat senior Brayden Ciesiolka equalized in the 61st minute unassisted. Sandoval made it 2-1 at the 75:26 mark unassisted, adding a goal two minutes later for the final margin.

Lake Mills is now 12-2-1 overall and 4-2-0 in the league while Wisconsin Dells is 10-1-0 overall and 6-1-0 in league games, currently sitting in second place a game in the loss column behind Sugar River.

"This loss hurt," Lake Mills boys soccer coach Joshua Vitulano said. "The boys wanted this one real bad and we were straight unlucky. It was a very evenly matched game for 70 minutes. We are hoping



Nate Gilbert

Lake Mills junior Miguel Ortega clears the ball during the first half of a Capitol Conference home game against Wisconsin Dells on Tuesday. The L-Cats lost 3-1.

to see them again in the big tourney."

Freshman Cale Bower and sophomore Curtis Galstad combined to make eight saves for the L-Cats, who travel to play Luther Prep on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

WISCONSIN DELLS 3, LAKE MILLS 1

W. Dells 1 2 - 3
Lake Mills 0 1 - 1
First half: WD - Rogers, 7:07.
Second half: LM - Ciesiolka, 60:48; WD - Sandoval, 75:26; WD - Sandoval, 77:48.
Shots on goal: WD 10, LM 11.
Saves: WD (Vargas) 7, LM (Bower, Galstad) 8.

Lake Country Lutheran edges Lakeside

HARTLAND — Lake Country Lutheran scored twice before halftime in a 2-1 victory over the visiting Lakeside Lutheran boys soccer team in a non-conference game on Monday.

LCL's Alex Johnson

opened the scoring in the 22nd minute on an assist by Ben Schumacher, who made it 2-0 later in the period.

Lakeside senior Kyle Main scored off an assist by Easton Wolfram in the

46th minute for the final margin.

Senior goalie Calvin Geerdts stopped five shots for the Warriors, who were outshot 7-3. Lightning keeper Adam Zuhike made two saves.

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OBITUARIES

Edith J. (Brown) Kottwitz
July 11, 1934 - October 5, 2021

Lake Mills, WI - Edith J. (Brown) Kottwitz, 87, Lake Mills, died on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at Brook Gardens Place surrounded by her family.



She was born on July 11, 1934 in Turtle, Wisconsin, the daughter of the late F. Russell and Ione (Sherman) Brown.

She graduated from the Jefferson High School on June 5, 1952 and the next day Edith married the love of her life, Maurice Kottwitz on June 6, 1952 at the Immanuel Evangelical United Brethren Church in Jefferson.

She later earned her food service training from Watertown Technical School in 1970.

Prior to retirement she had been employed by the Lake Mills School District and Hamlin/Planar.

She was a member of the Lake Mills Moravian Church. Edith enjoyed polka and square dancing with her husband, camping, listening to country western music, watching old westerns, cooking, reading, and was an avid walker.

Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Maurice; three sons, Rick (Connie), Randy (Jamie), DuWayne (Debbie); one daughter, Cindy Kay (Scott) Bartlett; four grandchildren, Matthew, Daniel, Noah, and Chloe Kottwitz; other relatives and friends.

Also preceded in death by her siblings, Calvin Brown, Myrtle Freeman, Virginia Hopkins, and her sister in infancy, Nellie Brown.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 8, 2021 at the Lake Mills Moravian Church.

Friends may call after 10 a.m. on Friday at the church until the time of service.

Burial will be in Rock Lake Cemetery.

If desired, memorials would be appreciated to the Lake Mills Moravian Church or the Jefferson County Humane Society. www.claussenfuneralhome.com

Ruth Esther (Retzlaff) Hintz

May 30, 1937 - September 22, 2021

Neosho, WI - Ruth E. Hintz (nee Retzlaff) age 84, a resident of Neosho, passed away Wednesday, September 22, 2021, surrounded by her loving family at Cedar Community Home Health & Hospice in West Bend. Ruth was born May 30, 1937 in Cedarburg, Wisconsin to Henry Paul Retzlaff, Sr. and Viola Vertha Martha Retzlaff (nee Riebe).



She was united in marriage to Delwin Arnold Hintz on May 31, 1958, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedarburg, WI. They lived in the Cedarburg area until 1972 when they moved to their farm on Hwy 60 just outside the Neosho / Hustisford area. Ruth wanted to have two or three sheep on the farm but that turned out to be a hundred or better. She also worked outside the home at the Wagner Products factory for twenty-five years before retiring. Ruth was a very active, social person. She was active in the Ozaukee and Dodge County 4-H programs for many years. Her special talents were sewing and cooking which she shared with the young of those communities. She was an active member of the St. Michael's Lutheran Church of the Hustisford area for almost fifty years. Her caring and community spirit showed through her membership in the quilting club of St. Michael's called the "Gathering Threads." Being an avid quilter and masterful sewer, she would help sew and hem well over one hundred quilts yearly for the Lutheran World Relief program for over 16 years. Ruth was also noted for her amazing baking ability. She had the best apple strudel recipe she made and shared with many at Christmas gatherings. When offered at local fundraising events the strudel sold out in minutes. When helping support grieving families she would make her delicious and masterful Poppy Seed Tarts. Ruth is survived by her son, Daniel Hintz and son-in-law, Paul Beine. Dear grandmother of Adam (Danielle) Endres, Carl Endres, and Michael Endres. Beloved great-grandmother of Violet Endres. Sister-in-law of Joan (the late Henry, Jr.) Retzlaff. She is also survived by many other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her husband Delwin Hintz; daughter Susan Endres, her husband Roger; and daughter Sarah Beine. Visitation Saturday, October 9, 2021, from 10:00 AM until time of funeral service 2:00 PM at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, N4911 Gray Road, Iron Ridge (Hustisford), WI 53059 with Pastor Daniel D. Vojta officiating. Memorial contributions in Ruth's memory may be made to St. Michael's Lutheran Church of Iron Ridge (Hustisford) and directed to the quilting club "Gathering Threads." Please share a thought or memory with Ruth's family at www.shimonfuneralhome.com

COVID-19 Update

	Yesterday		2 days ago	
	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Dodge County	14,074	193	14,034	193
Jefferson County	9,877	121	9,860	121
State of Wisconsin	742,832	8,073	740,559	8,064

	Yesterday		2 days ago	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Dodge County	38,868	44.2%	38,826	44.2%
Jefferson County	41,656	49.1%	41,625	49.1%
State of Wisconsin	3,146,992	54%	3,144,303	54%

10-07-2021 Source: Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Data from previous days subject to change as health officials update records.

Masks

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to use that number to guide their decisions as to whether they feel their children should wear masks to school.

At the 3 percent level, the mask requirement would go into effect for all staff and students at the affected school and would stay in effect for the next week.

Superintendent Charles Urness noted that the district has already seen an increase in mask usage by choice in the past couple of weeks in response to rising COVID-19 transmission levels in specific schools.

Unlike several recent meetings, Tuesday's special school board meeting did not include time for public comment. The district has already heard from upwards of 50 area residents (not all of them with children in the Jefferson public schools or

residing within the district) at recent meetings.

Public comment has been mixed but has tipped heavily against mask mandates of any type.

There were around 20 members of the public in attendance at Tuesday's special board meeting.

Urness said that some of these attendees probably assumed they'd have the opportunity to address the board directly during that meeting.

Urness noted that traditionally in Jefferson, a public comment period is scheduled during the second school board meeting of the month.

Following this pattern, the next school board meeting on Monday, Oct. 11 will not include a public comment period, but the meeting after that, on Oct. 25, will.

However, the option always exists for any parent, community member or concerned citizen to email himself and/or individual school board members. While not shared out

loud, the board will receive that information and will take these comments into consideration, he said.

Board deliberation

Action at Tuesday's board meeting came in a series of three votes, all of them centering on edits to the school district's COVID-19 mitigation measures document.

The first vote dealt with how these requirements were broken down.

Board members voted to break out each elementary school and to look at the numbers in each school separately, as opposed to lumping all of the elementary schools together.

Within the same motion, the board voted to change what constituted "low," "moderate," "substantial" and "high" transmission levels.

The edited documents defines "low transmission" as 0-1 percent of the student body/staff testing positive for COVID-19 over the course of a week. "Moderate" transmission would fall between

1.01 and 2; "substantial" between 2.01 and 2.99; and transmission above 3 percent would be considered "high."

That measure passed by a vote of 5-2, with board members Seth Ebel and Terri Wenkman dissenting.

The second vote extended when contact tracing would be required to be carried out at the schools. The existing plan had called for contact tracing to be employed under "high" transmission.

The change shifted that requirement so it kicks in when transmission reaches the "substantial" level.

The vote on this measure was also 5-2, with board members Tonya Ball and Thomas Condon dissenting.

The final vote was to approve the overarching COVID-19 mitigation document with all of the changes discussed during Tuesday night's school board meeting. This passed on a 7-0 vote.

Stormy scene

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Dark skies coupled with a bit of sunshine cover State Highway 19 just west of Watertown Monday, Sylvia Wheeler shot this photograph.



Jen Pinnow

Pinnow

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"On behalf of the City of Jefferson, we wish Jen Pinnow the best with her new position," Jefferson City Administrator Tim Freitag said. "We greatly appreciate her efforts to promote the well-being of our business community. She was able to build a very collaborative relationship and partnership with the city during her tenure. Her efforts and talents will be greatly missed."

Pinnow said she has enjoyed her time leading the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce.

"It has been an amazing experience to work for the largest business organization in Jefferson for the past three-plus years. You have no idea how much you all have blessed my life. For that I am forever grateful," she said. "I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished in a short amount of time and I look forward to celebrating our continued success."

DEATH NOTICES

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Wednesday League champions

Attached are the 2021 Wednesday Night Fall Softball League Champions and Tournament Champions – Lebanon Sport Haus. Pictured in back row from left are Clayton Goodman, Nick Roets, Kadan Jablonski, Mike Budewitz, Ryan Theder. Pictured in front row from left are Lukas Saeger, Bryce Schuett, Cam Schuett, Rodney Kuehl, and Ryan Kuhl.

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tight end Jake Ferguson are expected to play on Saturday. Both suffered chest injuries in the Michigan game and were initially listed as questionable for the Illinois game. Mertz and Ferguson connected on three of Mertz's five touchdown passes in Wisconsin's blowout of Illinois last season. "He's been able to practice. That part's been good," Chryst said of his

QB on Thursday. "Expecting to have everyone there. Ferguson's been able to practice. That part's been good." Illinois appears to be staying with Brandon Peters, despite some poor game decisions and accuracy problems. Backup Art Sitkowski is available should Peters falter. DEFENSE: Wisconsin ranks third in the nation and leads the Big Ten in total defense, allowing just 249 yards per game. The Badgers also rank seventh in the country allowing just 4.3 yards per play.

"Statistics are great, they're a great thing to reference, but the key ingredient is what worked Saturday (a 24-14 win over Charlotte)," Bielema said. "What we did on Saturday is what our offense is going to be greatly dedicated to this week." Illinois has held opponents to 20 points or fewer in three straight games for the first time since 2011, when it had a streak of four straight to start the season. The Illini have forced at least one turnover in each game and are averaging 2.5 sacks per game.

BREWERS

Continued from Page B1 designated for assignment by the Los Angeles Angels, became a key part of Milwaukee's bullpen. Eduardo Escobar arrived just before the trade deadline and is one of the Brewers' top hitters. The Braves didn't seem to have any major holes in the lineup until its entire opening day outfield fell apart. Promising rookie center fielder Cristian Pacheco struggled and got hurt, left fielder Marcell Ozuna was arrested on assault charges in late May following an altercation with his wife and hasn't returned, and Acuña suffered a season-ending injury in early July. "We were just tread- ing water all year, kind of playing .500, couple games under .500 all year," Freeman recalled. Pederson was the first reinforcement acquired from the Chicago Cubs on July 15. Two weeks later, Anthopoulos added three more outfielders: Duvall, Soler and Eddie Rosario. Duvall and Soler have been especially productive, with Duvall clubbing 16 homers and Soler adding 14 in 55 games each down the stretch. That helped Atlanta go 36-19 after July 31. "We've been mixing and matching all year," Freeman said. "It's been an absolute grind. I think that's what's so special about this year

is because I felt like we've been grinding all year, trying to figure it out." STRENGTH VS. STRENGTH This series features the Braves' potent lineup facing the Brewers' exceptional rotation. Atlanta has three of the NL's top four RBI producers in Duvall (113), Austin Riley (107) and Ozzie Albies (106). Freeman had an NL-leading 120 runs scored. Milwaukee struck out an MLB-leading 1,618 batters with a rotation featuring All-Star right-handers Corbin Burnes (11-5, 2.43), Brandon Woodruff (9-10, 2.56) and Freddy Peralta (10-5, 2.81). GAME 1 STARTERS Burnes will start Game 1 for the Brewers against Braves veteran Charlie Morton (14-6, 3.34). Burnes gave up five runs over four innings when he last faced the Braves on July 30, though the Brewers still won the game 9-5. Morton is 7-3 with a 3.38 ERA in 13 career post-season appearances. He pitched 10 2/3 scoreless innings for Tampa Bay in last year's AL Championship Series. "It's nice to know that I've been in these spots," Morton said. "It's reassuring because the unknown is really what gets you in life." CONNECTIONS TO AARON The Braves and Braves have some notable connections, but this marks the first time they've faced off

in a post-season series. The Braves played in Milwaukee from 1953-65 — winning a World Series in 1957 and an NL pennant in 1958 — before moving to Atlanta. Hall of Famer Hank Aaron, who died Jan. 22 at the age of 86, played for the Milwaukee Braves from 1954-65 before joining them in Atlanta and hitting his record 715th homer in 1974. The Braves traded Aaron to the Milwaukee Brewers in 1975. BULLPEN ISSUES The Brewers are adapting their bullpen to account for the absence of setup man and 2020 NL rookie of the year Devin Williams, who fractured his throwing hand when he punched a wall the night Milwaukee clinched the NL Central title. Milwaukee does appear to have the edge at closer. All-Star left-hander Josh Hader converted 34 of 35 save opportunities and posted a 1.23 ERA with 102 strikeouts in 58 2/3 innings for the Brewers during the regular season. Atlanta's Will Smith went 37 of 43 on save opportunities and had a 3.44 ERA. THING GOING AWAY FROM HOME Both teams have fared better on the road than at home. The Braves are 46-35 in away games and 42-38 at home. The Brewers are 50-31 on the road and 45-36 at home. More AP MLB: <https://apnews.com/hub/MLB> and https://twitter.com/AP_Sports

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

x=If necessary WILD CARD Tuesday, Oct. 5: Boston 6, New York 2 Wednesday, Oct. 6: Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 1

DIVISION SERIES (Best-of-5) American League Tampa Bay vs. Boston Thursday, Oct. 7: Boston (Rodriguez 13-8) at Tampa Bay (McClanahan 10-6), 7:07 p.m. (FS1) Friday, Oct. 8: Boston at Tampa Bay (Baz 2-0), 6:02 p.m. (FS1) Sunday, Oct. 10: Tampa Bay at Boston, 5:07 p.m. (MLB) x-Monday, Oct. 11: Tampa Bay at Boston, 6:07 p.m. (FS1) x-Wednesday, Oct. 13: Boston at Tampa Bay, 4:07 p.m. (FS1) x-Thursday, Oct. 14: Chicago (Lynn 11-6) at Houston (McCullers 13-5), 3:07 p.m. (FS1) Friday, Oct. 8: Chicago (Giolto 11-9) at Houston (Valdez 11-6), 1:07 p.m. (MLB) Sunday, Oct. 10: Houston at Chicago, 7:07 p.m. (FS1) x-Monday, Oct. 11: Houston at Chicago, 2:37 p.m. (FS1) x-Wednesday, Oct. 13: Chicago at Houston, 8:07 p.m. (FS1) National League San Francisco vs. Los Angeles Friday, Oct. 8: Los Angeles (Buehler 16-4) at San Francisco (Webb 11-3), 8:57 p.m. (TBS) Saturday, Oct. 9: Los Angeles at San Francisco (Gausman 14-6), 8:07 p.m. (TBS) Monday, Oct. 11: San Francisco at Los Angeles, 8:37 p.m. (TBS)

x-Tuesday, Oct. 12: San Francisco at Los Angeles, 8:07 p.m. (TBS) x-Thursday, Oct. 14: Los Angeles at San Francisco, 8:07 p.m. (TBS) Milwaukee vs. Atlanta Friday, Oct. 8: Atlanta (Morton 14-6) at Milwaukee (Burnes 11-5), 3:37 p.m. (TBS) Saturday, Oct. 9: Atlanta (Fried 14-7) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 9-10), 4:07 p.m. (TBS) Monday, Oct. 11: Milwaukee at Atlanta, 12:07 p.m. (TBS) x-Tuesday, Oct. 12: Milwaukee at Atlanta, 4:07 p.m. (TBS) x-Thursday, Oct. 14: Atlanta at Milwaukee, 4:07 p.m. (TBS)

National League Tuesday, Oct. 16: Atlanta-Milwaukee winner at San Francisco or Los Angeles at Atlanta-Milwaukee winner (TBS) Sunday, Oct. 17: Atlanta-Milwaukee winner at San Francisco or Los Angeles at Atlanta-Milwaukee winner (TBS) Tuesday, Oct. 19: San Francisco at Atlanta-Milwaukee winner or Atlanta-Milwaukee winner at Los Angeles (TBS) Wednesday, Oct. 20: San Francisco at Atlanta-Milwaukee winner or Atlanta-Milwaukee winner at Los Angeles (TBS) x-Thursday, Oct. 21: San Francisco at Atlanta-Milwaukee winner or Atlanta-Milwaukee winner at Los Angeles (TBS) x-Saturday, Oct. 23: Atlanta-Milwaukee winner at San Francisco or Los Angeles at Atlanta-Milwaukee winner (TBS) x-Sunday, Oct. 24: Atlanta-Milwaukee winner at San Francisco or Los Angeles at Atlanta-Milwaukee winner (TBS)

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-7) American League Friday, Oct. 15: Chicago-Houston winner at Tampa Bay or Boston at Chicago-Houston winner (Fox) Saturday, Oct. 16: Chicago-Houston winner at Tampa Bay or Boston at Chicago-Houston winner (Fox or FS1) Monday, Oct. 18: Tampa Bay at Chicago-Houston winner or Chicago-Houston winner at Boston (Fox) Tuesday, Oct. 19: Tampa Bay at Chicago-Houston winner or Chicago-Houston winner at Boston (Fox) x-Wednesday, Oct. 20: Tampa Bay at Chicago-Houston winner or Chicago-Houston winner at Boston (Fox) x-Friday, Oct. 22: Chicago-Houston winner at Tampa Bay or Boston at Chicago-Houston winner (Fox) x-Saturday, Oct. 23: Chicago-Houston winner at Tampa Bay or Boston at Chicago-Houston winner (Fox or FS1)

WORLD SERIES (Best-of-7) Tuesday, Oct. 26: at better record (Fox) Wednesday, Oct. 27: at better record (Fox) Friday, Oct. 29: at worse record (Fox) Saturday, Oct. 30: at worse record (Fox) x-Sunday, Oct. 31: at worse record (Fox) x-Tuesday, Nov. 2: at better record (Fox) x-Wednesday, Nov. 3: at better record (Fox)

BOWLING

TROUBLE ON 26 High scores – Men: Brad Ziemer 750 (234, 227, 289), Brad Dantuma 748 (226, 233, 289), Kadan Jablonski 717 (234, 258, 226), AJ Ritschke 640 (208, 216, 216), Zach Westenberg 613 (231, 231, 201), Jake Sell 632 (232, 246), Eddie Laatsch 602 (217, 215), Women: Tiana Bostwick 579 (206), Amy Eckstaedt 536, Stacy Laatsch 511	Standings	Pts. Ultimate Landscaping 31 Wasted Management 20 Father's Country Campers 18 Watertown Bowl 18 Hair by Ashley Anne 18 Division 2 16 Drafty Mistifs 26 Gudenkauf Farms 5 Pete's Lane Holistics 21 Schaefer's Soft Water 18 Dn Right Contractors 13
TUESDAY SENIORS High scores – Men: Ron Benninger 642 (213,246), Pete Boer 638 (204,233,201), Carl Schultz 617 (215,209), Bruce Kemmerling 595 (213), Harvey Zimmer 563, Erv Bankert 551 (206), Mike Grossman 517 (202), Jim Hrobosky 510 (237), Wayne Kusch 482 (208), Tim Archambault 501, Women: Judy Schwantes 467, Ines Schmitt 456, Jasja Namens 466, Christine Peters 448, Teresa Olsen 448	Standings	Pts. Final four 36 Hot Beers 25 Wannabees 24 4-chicks 23 Batter Up 22 Bowling stones 22 Mistifs 22 Gutter dusters 19 Different strokes 18 Krueger builders 14 Survivors 14 The orifices 8
WEDNESDAY KINGS High scores – Men: Jonathan Kaufmann 744 (207, 248, 289), An-	Standings	Pts. Bob's Bunch 25 Ma Paws Me Pet Rescue 24 American Family Insurance 22 Local Waters 19 Fun Farm N Toys 16 Revolution Pro Shop 15 We Don't Care 14 G Brock And Repair 13 Johnson & Helleskov 9
WEDNESDAY SENIORS High scores: Jen Bowlin 668 (226, 212, 230), Karin Reszsymski 661 (225, 288), Jen May 645 (279), Katelyn Model 568 (213), Holly Bauer 565 (215), Barb Bauer 521, Sara Kozlikowicz 515, Terry Zastrow 513, Al Mauer 510 (200), Amanda Saeger 507, Kim Hoeterman 504 (208)	Standings	Pts. Pine Cone 23 JLS 31 GSW Electric 28 Rusty Nail 28 Miller 64 24 Kathy's Buffalo 19 Watertown Bowl 14 Jak's 11 Hershy's Gang 9
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Fall/Winter Wii Bowling ROCKING SENIORS High series above 500: John Flahive 693, Pauline Schoemann 619, Peter Schoemann 584, Lloyd Schlieve 536, Rose Christian 508	Standings	Pts. 1 PLS 20 6 CSPS 20 8 BTBS 20 5 JRCR 18 3 S5MB 16 4 CRHM 12 2 PLS 4

High scores: Pete Richter 718 (290), Josh Bartz 694 (267), Jason Buaviso 671 (251), Brandon Radloff 664 (248), John Fort 626 (253), Tim Courtney 674 (234), Amanda Blanke 619 (248), Diane Matlow 614 (220)	Standings	Pts. KG Builders 13 Staff Agronomy 11 Silver Eagle Saloon 11 Ann's Farmington 9 Watertown Bowl 6 Schaefer's Soft Water 6
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Public Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Hold a Virtual Public Scoping Meeting

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Rural Development Badger State Solar, LLC Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and hold a Virtual Public Scoping Meeting on October 26, 2021.

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Hold a Virtual Public Scoping Meeting SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and hold a virtual public scoping meeting in connection with possible impacts related to the Badger State Solar, LLC's Alternating Current solar project (Project). The Project consists of a 149-megawatt photovoltaic Alternating Current solar energy generating facility located on approximately 1,750 acres in the Townships of Jefferson and Oakland, in Jefferson County, Wisconsin. RUS is considering funding this application, thereby making the proposed Project an undertaking subject to review under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). RUS has determined that a loan for the Project would be a federal action and is, therefore, subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review. DATES: The public scoping meeting webinar will be held on October 26, 2021 at 7pm EST via Zoom. Comments for consideration during the scoping process must be received on or before November 9th, 2021. Registration: To attend the webinar, register online at the virtual scoping meeting room website <https://badgerstatesolar.consultation.ai>. The virtual public scoping meeting room is an interactive website which will include information about the project, the NEPA process, and next steps in the process. Attendees will be able to provide spoken comments during the webinar. Written comments can be submitted through the virtual scoping meeting room website or to BadgerStateSolarEIS@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BadgerStateSolarEIS@usda.gov. Project-related information will be available at RUS's and Badger State Solar's websites located at <https://www.usda.gov/resources/environmental-studies/imp-act-statements>, <https://badgerstatesolar.consultation.ai>, and <https://www.badgerstatesolar.com>. Project information will also be available at the Jefferson Public Library in Jefferson, WI; the Cambridge Community Library in Cambridge, WI and the Lake Mills Library in Lake Mills, WI.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Badger State Solar proposes to construct, install, operate, and maintain a 149-megawatt photovoltaic Alternating Current solar energy generating facility on a site in the Townships of Jefferson and Oakland, in Jefferson County, Wisconsin. The proposed project is approximately 2-miles west of the City of Jefferson and west of State Highway 89. The collector substation would be located in the Primary Development Area. RUS is considering funding this application, thereby making the proposed Project an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. 470f, and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). Any party wishing to participate directly with RUS as a "consulting party" in Section 106 review may submit a written request to the RUS contact provided below. RUS will consider, and provide a timely response to any and all requests for consulting party status. RUS will be seeking information, comments, and assistance from federal, state, and local agencies, Tribes, and other individuals who may be interested in or affected by the proposed Project. This input will be used in preparing the Draft EIS. Comments should be submitted using the information provided so that they can be addressed appropriately in the EIS. RUS will prepare a Draft EIS which will then be filed with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The Draft EIS will be available for public comment by the Fall 2021. At that time, the RUS and USEPA will publish a notice of the availability of the Draft EIS and notice of receipt, respectively, in the Federal Register. In addition, the Badger State Solar will publish notices in local newspapers and any online local news sources. The comment period for the DEIS will be 45 days from the date the EPA publishes its Federal Register notice announcing receipt of the Draft EIS. Only the involved federal agencies in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposal, comments on the Draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if the comments refer to the specific pages or chapters of the Draft EIS. Comments may also address the adequacy of the Draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. After the comment period ends on the Draft EIS, the comments will be analyzed, considered, and responded to by the agencies involved in preparing the Final EIS. The public will again have the opportunity to review and comment on the Final EIS. Upon completion of a 30-day public comment period, the RUS will document its decision regarding the proposed Project and reasons for the decision in a Record of Decision. A public notice announcing the availability of the Record of Decision will be published in the Federal Register and local newspapers. Any final action by RUS related to the proposal will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant executive orders and federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations in addition to the completion of the environmental review requirements as prescribed in RUS Environmental Policies and Procedures, 7 CFR part 1970.

Attachment C: Virtual Scoping Open House Materials

Virtual Scoping Open House Posters

Welcome
to the

**Badger State
Solar
Environmental
Impact
Statement**

**Virtual Scoping
Open House**

October 6 –

November 6, 2021

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Scoping

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (U.S.C. 4231 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR part 1500), and Agency regulations (7 CFR part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures).

NEPA requires federal agencies identify and analyze the potential environmental effects of proposed federal actions and alternatives before those actions take place. NEPA's intent is to protect, restore, or enhance the environment through well-informed federal decisions. Public involvement is integral to the federal decision-making process and is required by NEPA.

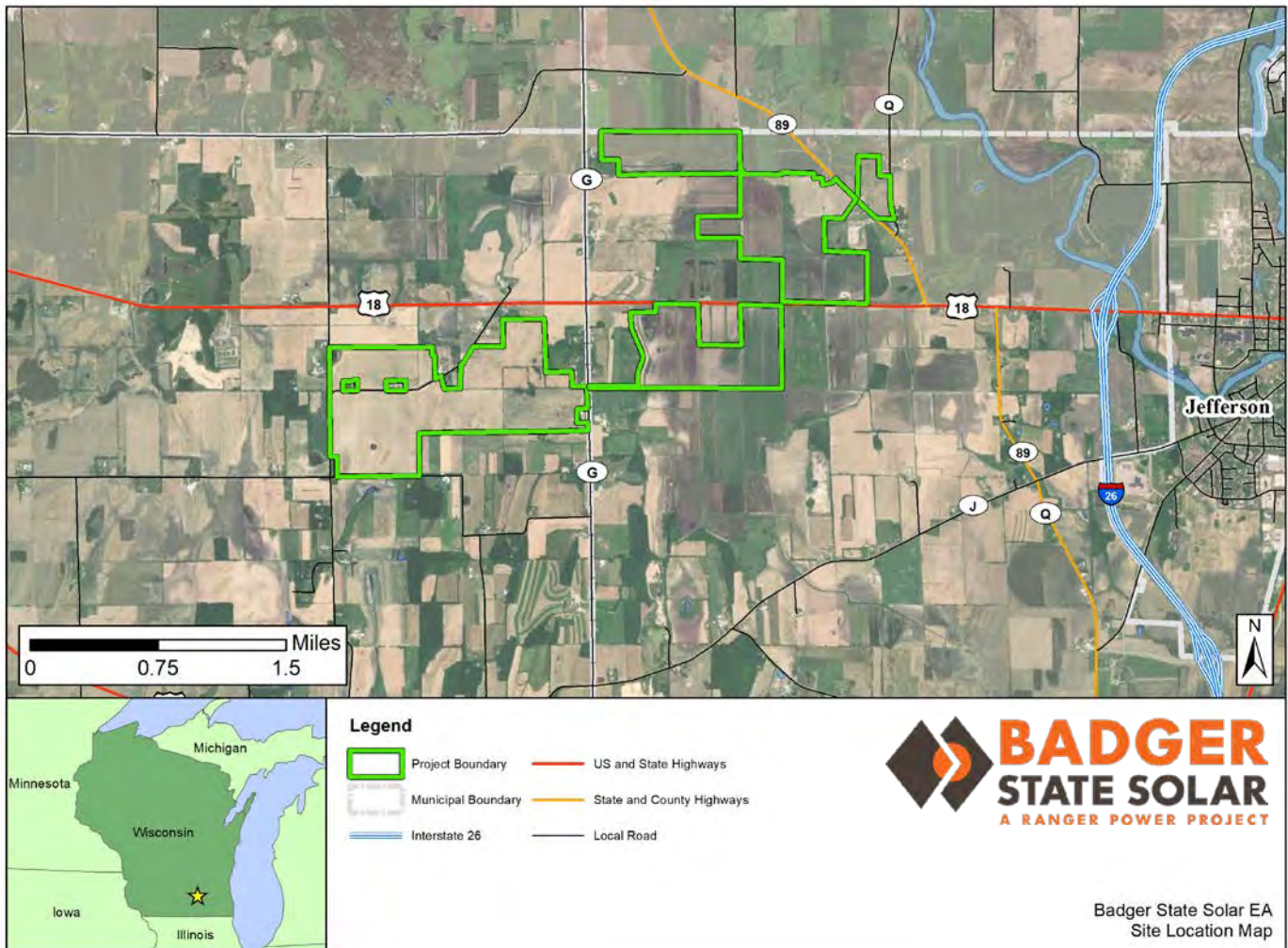
The primary scope of the EIS is to evaluate the environmental impacts of and alternatives to Badger State Solar LLC's application for financial assistance to construct, install, operate, and maintain a 149 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) Alternating Current (AC) solar energy generating facility located on approximately 1,750 acres in the Townships of Jefferson and Oakland, Jefferson County, Wisconsin.

Project Location

Badger State Solar proposes to construct, install, operate, and maintain a 149-MW PV solar energy generating facility on a site in the Townships of Jefferson and Oakland, in Jefferson County, Wisconsin.

The proposed site is near the point of interconnection to the grid at the American Transmission Company Jefferson substation near the intersection of State Trunk Highway 89 and U.S. Highway 18.

A power purchase agreement has been executed with Dairyland Power Cooperative for the entire output of the Project. The lease agreement allows for an operating period of 40 years.



Project Description and Alternatives

The proposed project would include:

- Installation on leased lands of 127,752 single-axis tracking PV panels mounted on a steel racking frame. The site would be fenced.
- Electrical substation.
- Internal site access roads.
- The lease agreement allows for an operating period of 40 years. A power purchase agreement (PPA) has been executed with Dairyland Power Cooperative for the entire output of the Project.
- The proposed site is near the point of interconnection to the grid at the American Transmission Company Jefferson substation near the intersection of State Trunk Highway 89 and U.S. Highway 18.

The EIS will evaluate two project alternatives:

- **No-Action Alternative:** RUS would not provide funding for the Badger State Solar project. Badger State would either seek funding from other sources or would not develop the solar facility and would not interconnect at the ATC-owned Jefferson 138kV substation.
- **Proposed Action:** RUS would provide funding for the Badger State Solar project. The project would offset the loss of generated power from coal-fired power plant closures with renewable solar generated power that would contribute to Dairyland Power's Sustainable Generation Plan goals of reducing carbon dioxide intensity rate and increasing renewable power generation.

Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed action is to develop a utility-scale solar facility in Jefferson County, Wisconsin, to replace load demand on local utilities resulting from coal-fired power plant closures or scheduled decommissioning.

Many of Wisconsin's fossil-fueled power plants are scheduled to cease power generation over the next several years. Six of the 12 coal-fired power plants in Wisconsin have been retired or are scheduled to go offline, including Dairyland Power's Genoa #3 coal-fired power plant which is scheduled to close in June 2021. Construction of the Badger State Solar project would help replace some of this baseload power. Replacing fossil-fuel-generated power with renewable solar power also would contribute to Dairyland Power's Sustainable Generation Plan goals of reducing carbon dioxide intensity rate and increasing renewable power generation 30 percent by 2030.



Anticipated Environmental Impacts

The EIS will include a detailed evaluation of the environmental, social, and economic impacts associated with implementation of the proposed action and no action alternative. Measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential adverse effects will also be identified and evaluated in the EIS.

Resource areas to be addressed in the EIS include, but are not limited to:

- Air Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Land Use and Zoning
- Noise
- Prime Farmland
- Public Health and Safety
- Soils and Geology
- Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Vegetation, Invasive Species, Noxious Weeds
- Visual Resources
- Water Resources
- Wetlands and Riparian Areas
- Wildlife

EIS Preparation and Schedule

Badger State will consider comments received during the scoping period and develop a scoping report which will inform the development of the Draft EIS. The scoping report will summarize public and agency comments that were received and identify the projected schedule for completing the EIS process

INITIATIVE	AUG	SEP	OCT	4 th Qtr 2021	4 th Qtr 2021	1 st Qtr 2022	2 nd Qtr 2022	3 rd Qtr 2022	4 th Qtr 2022
Publication of Notice of Intent in the Federal Register and Public Scoping Period	■								
Prepare and Publish Scoping Report			■						
Develop Draft EIS			■						
Publish Draft EIS						■			
Public Comment Period and Public Meeting							■		
Develop Final EIS							■		
Publish Final EIS								■	
Publish Record of Decision in the Federal Register									■

RUS will post a Draft EIS for public review and comment on the project web page. A public open house, which may be virtual, will be held after release of the Draft EIS. Open house details will be posted on the project website in conjunction with the Draft EIS. RUS expects to release the Draft EIS in Late 2021.

RUS will consider comments received on the Draft EIS and estimates completing a Final EIS in Summer 2022. Upon completion of a 45-day public comment period, RUS will document its decision regarding the proposed Project and reasons for the decision in a Record of Decision. A public notice announcing the availability of the Record of Decision will be published in the Federal Register and local newspapers.

Public Involvement

Public participation is an integral component of the environmental review process for federal actions. Public participation is especially important during the scoping phase of the proposed Project. RUS is seeking information, comments, and assistance from federal, State, and local agencies, Tribes, and other individuals who may be interested in or affected by the proposed Project. This input will be used in preparing the Draft EIS.

Comments submitted during the scoping process should be in writing. The comments should describe as clearly and completely as possible any issues, concerns, or input commenters may have so that they can be addressed appropriately in the EIS.

Comments are encouraged and must be received or postmarked no later than November 6, 2021.

Please note that any comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the project administrative record and will be available for public inspection.

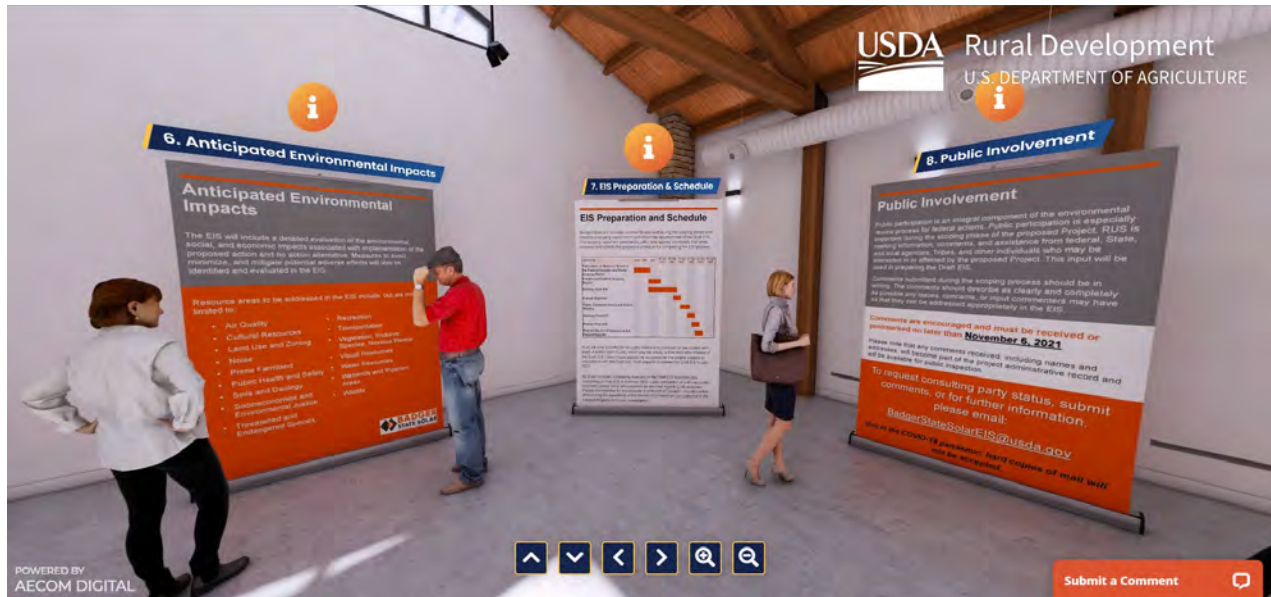
To request consulting party status, submit comments, or for further information, please email:

BadgerStateSolarEIS@usda.gov

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, hard copies of mail will not be accepted.

Virtual Scoping Open House Screenshots





Topic Badger State Solar Virtual Public Scoping Meeting

Description The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and hold a virtual public scoping meeting in connection with possible impacts related to the Badger State Solar, LLC's Alternating Current solar project (Project). The Project consists of a 149-megawatt photovoltaic Alternating Current solar energy generating facility located on approximately 1,750 acres in the Townships of Jefferson and Oakland, in Jefferson County, Wisconsin. RUS is considering funding this application, thereby making the proposed Project an undertaking subject to review under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). RUS has determined that a loan for the Project would be a federal action and is, therefore, subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review.

Time Oct 26, 2021 07:00 PM in [Eastern Time \(US and Canada\)](#)

Webinar is over, you cannot register now. If you have any questions, please contact Webinar host: [Kelly Stoll](#).



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Attachment D: Public Scoping Meeting Transcript

BADGER STATE SOLAR VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

October 26, 2021

SPEAKING PANELISTS:

Ms. Carol Freeman, AECOM;

Mr. Peter Steinour, USDA RUS;

Ms. Emily Straka, Badger State Solar.

1 PROCEEDINGS:

2 MS. FREEMAN: Hello, my name is Carol Freeman.
3 I am the facilitator for tonight's meeting. Welcome to
4 the Badger State Solar project virtual scoping meeting.
5 Please note this session is being recorded to maintain a
6 record of the discussion and of the comments received.
7 Your participation in this call indicates your consent
8 to be recorded.

9 Today's meeting is being held during the
10 30-day public comment period for the notice of intent,
11 or NOI, the Badger State Solar and Rural Utilities
12 Service have prepared a notice of intent to prepare an
13 environmental impact statement, or EIS, to evaluate the
14 potential impacts associated with the Badger State Solar
15 project.

16 The format for our meeting today is to begin
17 with brief remarks from the United States Department of
18 Agriculture's Rural Utility Service, USDA RUS, the
19 federal agency responsible for conducting the
20 environmental review. These remarks will be followed by
21 a brief presentation from the Badger State Solar team to
22 provide an overview of this project. Finally, we will
23 open the meeting to public comments. Thank you for
24 attending this evening's session. I will now turn the
25 floor over to Peter Steinour to provide opening remarks

1 for the RUS. Peter, the floor is yours.

2 MR. STEINOUR: Thank you, Carol. Good
3 evening. Thank you for joining us for the Badger State
4 Solar Environmental Impact Statement Public Scoping
5 meeting. My name is Peter Steinour. I am an
6 environmental protection specialist with the USDA Rural
7 Utilities Service whose mission is to provide electric,
8 telecommunication, water and waste treatment,
9 infrastructure, and infrastructure improvements in the
10 rural communities.

11 Our goal for this meeting is to receive
12 questions and comments to help us to identify the
13 significant issues that must be further evaluated in the
14 Environmental Impact Statement for this project. I will
15 now ask Emily Straka, project developer for the Badger
16 State Solar project to give us a project overview
17 presentation. Emily.

18 MS. STRAKA: Great, thanks, Peter. Carol, do
19 you mind enabling screen sharing?

20 MS. FREEMAN: Certainly.

21 MS. STRAKA: Thanks.

22 MS. FREEMAN: Go ahead and try, Emily.

23 MS. STRAKA: There we go. Can everyone see my
24 screen?

25 MS. FREEMAN: Yes.

1 MS. STRAKA: Perfect. Thank you, Peter and
2 Carol, for your opening remarks. So I am Emily Straka.
3 I am the project developer for the Badger State Solar
4 project. A little bit about Ranger Power to get us
5 started here, Ranger is a development group that
6 specializes in solely utility scale solar. We do have
7 two fully commissioned projects in the Midwest and are
8 looking at about over 500 megawatts to begin operation
9 by the end of 2021. We work in states such as
10 Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska, and
11 have over 5 gigawatts of project development throughout
12 the Midwest.

13 We really take pride in our community
14 engagement efforts. We don't just engage with land
15 owners and local governments, but we also collaborate
16 with neighbors to every project as well as a broad range
17 of stakeholder groups, everyone from the local Kiwanis
18 club to snowmobile groups that are in the area.

19 So Badger State Solar was actually our first
20 project that we began developing in Wisconsin. It is a
21 149 megawatt HD solar generating facility that is
22 proposed to be located in the Township of Jefferson,
23 Oakland, in Jefferson County, Wisconsin, which is
24 located about two miles west of the City of Jefferson.
25 The land use is primarily agricultural. Most of the

1 project area currently is being used for planting
2 soybeans and corn as well as some mint. We do expect
3 the project facilities to be sited on approximately
4 1,200 acres out of the total 1,750 acres leased for the
5 project.

6 Regarding permitting, the project received a
7 certificate of public convenience and necessity, or
8 CPCN, from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin in
9 February of 2020, which is the main discretionary permit
10 required for the project, and other ministerial permits
11 are ongoing as the site progresses.

12 We have also partnered with Dairyland Power
13 Cooperative, it is a rural electric cooperative based
14 out of La Crosse, to purchase the power -- the full
15 power outlet from the project.

16 So our site selection process usually starts
17 with locating substations throughout the state across
18 the region that we are now working in, and it's really
19 important to evaluate the existing transmission system
20 and see, you know, what substations are currently
21 available and how robust they are to handle plugging in
22 a project of this size. We do work with MISO, Midwest
23 Independent System Operator, to submit a cue position,
24 and then they evaluate the impact on the local
25 electricity grant. So that is the first step there.

1 After that, we typically look at the
2 characteristics of the land around that substation.
3 We're looking at features such as, you know, the
4 topography, the land use, is it agricultural, are there,
5 you know, larger housing developments, because we're
6 particularly interested in open, flat land. And we will
7 also approach local land owners to see if they have an
8 interest in participating in such a project because
9 participation is fully voluntarily. There is no -- any
10 sort of eminent domain.

11 We also look at environmental constraints,
12 looking at impacts to wetlands, waterways, typically
13 approach development with an avoidance method, you know,
14 the more wetlands/waterways we can avoid, the better, as
15 well as wooded areas, you know, looking at endangered
16 species that may live in wooded areas nearby. So those
17 are kind of all the things that we are looking at when
18 we are looking to begin development on a project.

19 So just digging into this a little bit more,
20 when we first started looking at Wisconsin as a state
21 that we're interested in developing in, we identified a
22 number of substations throughout the state. And at
23 first we are eliminating them due to the location of
24 them. You can see there's a couple that are located
25 pretty far north in the state that can make the solar

1 resource difficult to utilize, as well as, you know,
2 pretty remote areas where they are not near major load
3 systems. The southern part of the state has major load
4 centers such as Milwaukee and Madison, which makes that
5 a more viable option.

6 And then also looking at the size of the
7 substation; typically we don't look at anything below
8 100 kV just because it likely will not be robust enough
9 to withstand the input of these projects, or if it can,
10 there likely would be significant transmission upgrades.
11 Then once we evaluate the substation's transmission
12 system, we will take a look at some of the constraints
13 that I mentioned earlier, you know, the land use as well
14 as environmental features.

15 And then the last phase is, you know, really
16 approaching land owners and see who may be interested
17 and whether the site viable, at which point we would
18 choose to proceed.

19 So the Wisconsin Certificate of Public
20 Convenience and Necessity is required for projects that
21 are over 100 megawatts, and the process is commissioned
22 by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. It's a
23 very intense process that includes a lot of public
24 input, public comments, hearings, testimony from
25 experts, as well as technical hearings. So the first

1 step for that process was meeting with commissioned
2 staff and staff from the Wisconsin Department of Natural
3 Resources to understand the permit requirements and make
4 sure that, you know, our application was meeting the
5 state requirements. So that meeting was held in April
6 of 2018.

7 Later that year we submitted our engineering
8 plan, which is required to be submitted at least 60 days
9 before submitting our CPCN application, enough to give
10 commission a chance to review the technical features and
11 prepare a review on their end.

12 The full year of 2018, April 2018 to
13 April 2019 we completed our technical studies, which
14 range from glare hazard analysis to wetland irrigation
15 reports, as well as EMS studies, and a number of other
16 reports, visual simulations. And then in March of 2019
17 we began preparing that application, analyzing the
18 results of our technical reports and integrating that
19 into the CPCN requirements, which was submitted in May
20 of 2019.

21 The Public Service Commission deemed the
22 application complete in June of 2019, so it was about
23 30 days later. And later that year, September of 2019,
24 the commission worked with the Wisconsin Department of
25 Natural Resources to determine the scope of the

1 environmental assessment which ultimately deemed that
2 there was no significant impact of the project. And
3 finally, the written order was received in February of
4 2020 for the CPCN.

5 So now that we do have the CPCN in hand,
6 there's still a lot of outstanding work. We need to
7 coordinate with the Army Corps of engineers, as well as
8 Department of Natural Resources for a number of permits,
9 Jefferson County for impacts to roads in terms of
10 crossings, locating hunter systems within those roads
11 where applicable, as well as homeowner plans, driveway
12 permits. The Town of Jefferson, Oakland, will also be
13 consulted with for driveway approvals. And the Badger
14 State project is located within a drainage district, so
15 we are working with them currently to discuss the
16 implications for the drainage ways that they have
17 jurisdiction over.

18 So permitting is one bucket, and then the
19 other bucket is title. So for all of our -- for all of
20 the land that we have secured, we look at all of the
21 title records and look at cleaning titles so that we
22 have the necessary rights to gain title policy, and also
23 looking at utilities in the area and working with them
24 to secure crossing agreements and easements, which we
25 will do our best to be completed once -- once we have

1 our final site designed and have completed all of these
2 tasks.

3 So that is the overview. Thank you, again,
4 Carol and Peter, and I will turn it back over to you.

5 MS. FREEMAN: Thank you, Emily. As a
6 reminder, today's call is being held during the 30-day
7 public comment period for the notice of intent for
8 Badger State Solar and Rural Utilities Service have
9 prepared to announce the intent to prepare an
10 Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate the potential
11 impacts associated with the Badger State Solar project.
12 The public scoping period began on October 6th, 2021,
13 and it will end on November 6th, 2021.

14 Although we will be taking comments and
15 questions from audience members during today's call, we
16 will not be responding directly to any questions and
17 comments at this time. All questions and comments
18 received today will be addressed in the draft
19 Environmental Impact Statement, which is expected to be
20 completed in the near future. Rural Utilities Service
21 will review all of the comments and questions received
22 during the entire 30-day scoping period, substantive
23 comments will be addressed in the draft EIS.

24 There will be an additional opportunity to
25 submit public comments during the release of the draft

1 EIS. Those comments will be considered and addressed in
2 the final EIS. And the selected alternative for the
3 Badger State Solar project will be memorialized in the
4 record decision that will be issued following the final
5 EIS.

6 I will now review the format for the public
7 comment portion of the meeting. As a reminder, this
8 call is being recorded via Zoom and a court reporter to
9 maintain a record of the discussion and of the comments
10 and questions received during the meeting. Your
11 participation in this call indicates your consent to be
12 recorded.

13 The procedures for providing a comment or
14 question during this meeting will be as follows: All
15 attendees are muted. Each caller will be addressed by
16 name in the order registered for the meeting. You will
17 be unmuted for approximately three minutes to state your
18 comment or question. I will give a 30-second warning
19 before your time ends. When called, please state your
20 name and affiliation, and listen closely for your name
21 to be called. If you do not wish to comment when
22 called, please respond "no comment at this time."

23 If you wish to submit a comment at a later
24 time, you can submit them via e-mail or regular mail to
25 the addresses on the screen: So via e-mail to

1 BadgerStateSolarEIS, all one word, @USDA.gov, or via
2 mail to United States Department of Agriculture,
3 Attention: Peter Steinour, S-T-E-I-N-O-U-R, Mail Stop
4 1570, Rural Utilities Service, WEP/EES, 1400
5 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20250. We do
6 encourage submittal of comments electronically. All
7 comments will be accepted. The comment period ends on
8 November 6th.

9 The draft EIS and related documents including
10 posters, fact sheets, the alternatives evaluation study,
11 and site evaluation study, are posted for public review
12 and downloadable on the virtual open house website and
13 also on the USDA RUS -- sorry, let me start that again:
14 The rural development USDA resources page, and the
15 Badger State Solar page. All three of these addresses
16 are on the screen, and I will post them in the chat as
17 well. Project information is also available at the
18 Jefferson Public Library, the Cambridge Community
19 Library, and the Lake Mills Library.

20 At this time we will begin accepting public
21 comments. To begin, I am going to invite Brian Udovich.
22 If you would like to submit a comment, please feel free.
23 Next then, I would like to invite Mary Rupnow.

24 MS. RUPNOW: I have no comment at this time.

25 MS. FREEMAN: Thank you, Mary. If anyone does

1 have a comment, feel free to use the "raise your hand"
2 feature in Zoom, or to submit a comment through the
3 chat. It does not appear as if we have any comments at
4 this time. We will remain on the line in case
5 additional comments come up. As a reminder, comments
6 can be submitted tonight. You can indicate an interest
7 in speaking by the "raise your hand" feature, or
8 submitting comments in the chat, or comments can be
9 submitted via e-mail or mail to the addresses on the
10 screen. I am not seeing any additional comments at this
11 time. We will continue to remain on the line.

12 Information regarding how to submit comments
13 via e-mail and mail has been posted into the chat.
14 Attendees should be able to copy that information if
15 you're interested in submitting written comments. As a
16 reminder, those comments will be accepted through
17 November 6th. If anyone would like to submit a spoken
18 comment tonight, you're welcome to use the "raise your
19 hand" feature which I believe is at the bottom of the
20 screen, or to submit a comment at the chat function.

21 Links to the project websites, which are being
22 shown on the screen right now, have been posted in the
23 chat. For ease of access, all three of these websites
24 do contain information about the project including fax
25 sheets, project information, and the alternatives in

1 siting studies. And the names of three libraries and
2 locations of those libraries has also been posted in
3 chat for your convenience. If there are any comments or
4 questions, feel free to use the "raise your hand"
5 feature in the Zoom meeting or to submit a comment
6 through chat and I will be happy to unmute microphones
7 so you can present a spoken comment.

8 If there is anyone who would like to submit a
9 comment tonight, please feel free to submit a comment
10 through the chat feature, or using the "raise your hand"
11 function and I will be able to unmute your microphone so
12 you are able to submit a comment. We will continue to
13 remain on the line.

14 At the moment it does not seem like we have
15 any verbal comments to be submitted. As a reminder, if
16 you would like to submit written comments you can do it
17 through the e-mail address or mailing address on the
18 screen. Those written comments need to be received by
19 November 6th, 2021.

20 For additional information about the project,
21 you can visit the three websites posted on the screen
22 and addresses are also in the chat. You can also visit
23 the three libraries, and the information for those
24 libraries is also in the chat. As it doesn't appear we
25 have any additional verbal comments, at this time we're

1 going to go ahead and take a ten-minute break. Project
2 personnel are going to remain on the line, and we will
3 resume. If we see any information submitted in chat or
4 any raised hands or anyone new arrives at the meeting,
5 we will go ahead and resume the meeting. Otherwise, we
6 will go ahead and take a ten-minute break at this time.

7 (A recess was taken.)

8 MS. FREEMAN: We are now resuming the public
9 comment portion of this meeting. As a reminder, this is
10 a public meeting for the scoping period on the Badger
11 State Solar project. This meeting is being recorded.
12 Your participation in this meeting indicates your
13 consent to be recorded. I am not seeing any raised
14 hands or comments in the chat at this time. If you
15 would like to provide a verbal comment, please freely to
16 use the raised hand feature or to make a note in the
17 chat and I will be happy to unmute your microphone so
18 you can submit a spoken comment.

19 If you would like to submit written comments,
20 you can do that via e-mail at
21 BadgerStateSolarEIS@USDA.gov or via mail to United
22 States Department of Agricultural, Attention Peter
23 Steinour, Mail Stop 1570, Rural Utilities Service,
24 WEP/EES, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C.,
25 20250. You can find additional information about the

1 project on the three project websites: The first is the
2 virtual open house room which is an interactive website,
3 the second is the RUS project website, and the third is
4 the Badger State Solar website. Information about the
5 project is also available at the Jefferson Public
6 Library in Jefferson, Wisconsin, the Cambridge Community
7 Library in Cambridge, and Lake Mills Library in Lake
8 Mills.

9 As a reminder, all written comments should be
10 submitted by November 6th of this year. Written
11 comments will be reviewed and incorporated into the
12 draft EIS. There will be additional opportunities for
13 public involvement and public comments once the draft
14 EIS is published, which is expected to be early of next
15 year. We will continue to remain on the line. If
16 anyone is interested in making a comment, feel free to
17 use the "raise your hand" feature or to indicate a
18 comment in the chat.

19 As I am not seeing any additional public
20 comments at this time, we're going to go ahead and take
21 a ten-minute break. We will remain on the line. If
22 anyone does have any comments, feel free to use the
23 raised hand feature or to indicate a comment in the
24 chat. And we will resume the meeting, otherwise, ten
25 minutes at 6:55 p.m. Central, 7:55 p.m. Eastern.

1 (A recess was taken.)

2 MS. FREEMAN: We are now resuming the meeting.
3 I am not seeing any additional attendees or raised hand
4 on the comments in the chat. As a reminder, if you
5 would like to submit written comments you may do that
6 via e-mail to BadgerStateSolarEIS@USDA.gov, via mail to
7 United States Department of Agriculture at Mail Stop
8 1570, Rural Utilities Service, WEP/EES, 1400
9 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20250. All
10 written comments should be submitted by November 6th,
11 2021. Substantiative comments will be addressed in the
12 draft EIS. There will be an additional opportunity for
13 public comment after publication of the draft EIS.

14 If you're interested in additional information
15 about the project, you can visit one of the three
16 project websites shown on the screen. These addresses
17 are also posted in the chat as are the addresses for
18 submitting public comments. Project information is also
19 available at the Jefferson Public Library, the Cambridge
20 Community Library, and the Lake Mills Library.

21 We will continue to remain on the line if
22 there are any additional comments. We'll remain on the
23 line until 7:00 p.m. Central, 8:00 p.m. Eastern, at
24 which time we will begin to wrap up the meeting unless
25 there are additional comments.

1 I am not seeing any additional comments or new
2 attendees at this time. One final reminder, the public
3 comment period, the scoping period, will end on November
4 6th, 2021. Written comments should be submitted no
5 later than November 6th. Additional information about
6 the project can be viewed at the different websites or
7 at the three public libraries. URLs for the websites
8 and the names of the public libraries are all listed in
9 the chat feature.

10 At this point we would like to thank you again
11 for your interest in the Badger State Solar project and
12 for your participation in today's call. This concludes
13 today's call. Everyone have a good night. Thank you.

14 (Proceedings concluded at 7:00 p.m.)

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Attachment E: Public and Agency Comments

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To: [Kitchen, Anthony J CIV USARMY CEMVP \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [Freeman, Carol L B](#); [Howard, Basia - RD, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: USDA RUS Badger State Solar Interagency Scoping Meeting
Date: Monday, November 01, 2021 2:46:36 PM

Hi A.J.,

Thank you for your interest in being a consulting party on the Badger State Solar project. We will keep you informed as the project progresses. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me at peter.steinour@usda.gov with any questions.

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Subject: USDA RUS Badger State Solar Interagency Scoping Meeting

Good morning,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Division would like to be a consulting party for this project but does not need to be a cooperating agency.

I can be the point of contact. My contact information is below. Thank you.

A.J.

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Good morning,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Division would like to be a consulting party for this project but does not need to be a cooperating agency.

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