

Attachment P: Glare Analysis



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Subject: Glint and Glare Analysis of the Wallula Gap Solar Project in Benton County, Washington

At the request of Wallula Gap Solar, LLC (Applicant), Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech) conducted a glint and glare analysis of the proposed Wallula Gap Solar Project (Facility). The Facility is a proposed solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating facility that includes 60 megawatts (MW) of solar energy and occupies an approximately 392-acre area. The Facility Area primarily consists of undeveloped land and agricultural land and is generally bounded agricultural land and Washington State Route 14 (WA 14) to the south.

Topography throughout the Facility Area varies, ranging from approximately 380 feet to 508 feet above mean sea level. The nearest public airport is the Hermiston Municipal Airport, located approximately 11.5 miles southeast of the Facility.

This memorandum provides a description of the glint and glare anticipated from use of the Facility Area as a solar energy generating facility. Included are the Sandia glare analysis reports (Attachment A), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Notice Criteria Tool Report (Attachment B).

GLARE ANALYSIS METHOD

With growing numbers of solar energy systems being proposed and installed throughout the United States, the potential impact of glint (a momentary flash of bright light) and glare (a continuous source of bright light) from solar photovoltaic modules has come under scrutiny by aviation authorities. The FAA issued an Interim Policy (78 Federal Register [FR] 63276) on October 23, 2013, describing methods for obtaining FAA review and approval of proposed solar arrays on airport property. These methods involved the use of the Sandia Laboratories Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool (SGHAT), a modeling/compliance analysis tool now licensed for public use within the ForgeSolar GlareGauge cloud software application. The SGHAT is considered to be an industry best practice for analysis of glare and glint related to solar energy generating facilities and is required by the FAA under 78 FR 63276 to measure ocular impacts for solar projects located on federally obligated airports and is recommended for projects located off federally obligated airports. SGHAT analysis was carried out according to the FAA technical report, "Technical Guidance for Evaluating Selected Solar Technologies on Airports" (FAA 2010).

The following statement was issued by Sandia Laboratories regarding the SGHAT technology:

Sandia developed SGHAT v. 3.0, a web-based tool and methodology to evaluate potential glint/glare associated with solar energy installations. The validated tool provides a quantified assessment of when and where glare will occur, as well as information about potential ocular impacts. The calculations and methods are based on analyses, test data, a database of different photovoltaic module surfaces (e.g. anti-reflective

coating, texturing), and models developed over several years at Sandia. The results are presented in a simple easy-to-interpret plot that specifies when glare will occur throughout the year, with color indicating the potential ocular hazard. (Sandia National Laboratories 2016)

Note, however, that technology changes continue to occur to address issues such as reflectivity. The model, therefore, presents a conservative assessment based upon simplifying assumptions inherent in the model as well as industry improvements since the most recent update of such assumptions.

Based on the predicted retinal irradiance (intensity) and subtended angle (size/distance) of the glare source to receptor, the GlareGauge categorizes potential glare where it is predicted by the model to occur in accordance with three tiers of severity (ocular hazards) that are shown by different colors in the model output:

- Red glare: glare predicted with a potential for permanent eye damage (retinal burn);
- Yellow glare: glare predicted with a potential for temporary after-image; and
- Green glare: glare predicted with a low potential for temporary after-image.

These categories of glare are calculated using a typical observer's blink response time, ocular transmission coefficient (the amount of radiation absorbed in the eye prior to reaching the retina), pupil diameter, and eye focal length (the distance between where rays intersect in the eye and the retina). As a point of comparison, direct viewing of the sun without a filter is considered to be on the border between yellow glare and red glare, while typical camera flashes are considered to be lower tier yellow glare (approximately three orders of magnitude less than direct viewing of the sun). Upon exposure to yellow glare, the observer may experience a temporary spot in their vision temporarily lasting after the exposure. Upon exposure to green glare, the observer may experience a bright reflection but typically no spot lasting after exposure.

Based on this background, Tetra Tech has used the SGHAT tool as licensed for use in ForgeSolar GlareGauge cloud software application for modeling and analysis. ForgeSolar GlareGauge with SGHAT modeling provides a quantified assessment of when and where glare will occur, as well as information about potential ocular impacts.

The SGHAT was used to evaluate the potential for glint and glare when driving along 1) proximal segments of McNary Hwy, S Plymouth Rd, and WA 14; and 2) 11 nearby locations selected to represent observer views at neighboring properties. The analysis reports are included as **Attachment A**.

The FAA Notice Criteria Tool allows the user to determine if a proposed structure would require a formal submission to the FAA under Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 77.9 (Safe, Efficient Use, and Preservation of the Navigable Airspace). This online tool was utilized to determine if the proposed Facility would require formal filing to the FAA. Based on the results of the FAA Notice Criteria Tool, the Facility does not exceed notice criteria; therefore, it is not required for the Facility to be formally filed with the FAA Obstruction Evaluation Group. Due to the Facility not exceeding criteria and the distance to the airport, it was not included in the glare analysis. The FAA Notice Criteria Tool Report is included as **Attachment B**.

The panels to be used on the proposed Facility are smooth glass surface material with an anti-reflection coating (ARC), which is noted in the glare analysis. Three analyses were performed to simulate single axis

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tracking panels with a 52 degree tilt. The analyses were conducted for a panel height of 7 feet above ground surface (centroid height) with applicable panel specifications. Backtracking was simulated with a resting angle of 5 degrees for Analyses 1 and 2, and 10 degrees for Analysis 3. Backtracking is the programmed strategy that rotates the modules away from the sun to reduce shading to other panels. This typically is put into effect when the sun's position lies outside the range of rotation defined by the maximum tracking angle (52 degrees) of the PV panels, or when substantial shading occurs. The resting angle is the programmed in tilt that the panels stay at while the sun's position is outside the defined tracking angle. The panel orientation, location, and specifications used in the analysis were based on the Plant Layout as provided by the Applicant, dated October 17, 2023. The input features used in the analyses are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Glare Analyses Input Features

Analysis No.	Racking Type	Module Orientation	Tilt (degrees)	Module Height ^{1/} (feet)	OP Height ^{2/} (feet)	Route Height ^{3/} (feet)
1	Tracking	East-facing	60	5	6	5
2	Tracking	East-facing	60	5	16	9
3	Tracking	East-facing	60	5	16	9

1/ Average module centroid height above ground surface.

2/ Height of observation point receptor: 6 feet represents an average first floor residential/commercial point of view and 16 feet represents an average second floor residential/commercial point of view.

3/ Height of vehicular route receptor: 5 feet represents typical commuter car height and 9 feet represents typical semi-tractor-trailer truck views.

GLARE ANALYSIS RESULTS

Analyses 1 – First-Story Receptors

Analysis 1 analyzed five PV Array Areas for 11 first-story receptors (OP-1 through OP-11) and four proximal route receptors along segments of McNary Hwy, S Plymouth Rd, and two segments of WA 14 from the height of a standard commuter vehicle. The SGHAT GlareGauge modeled the results for the Facility. No glare was predicted.

Analyses 2 – Second-Story Receptors

Analysis 2 analyzed five PV Array Areas for 11 second-story receptors (OP-1 through OP-11) and four proximal route receptors along segments of McNary Hwy, S Plymouth Rd, and two segments of WA 14 from the height of a typical tractor trailer. The SGHAT GlareGauge modeled the results for the Facility. The simulation predicted minor amounts of green and yellow glare along a specific section of WA 14-1. Predicted glare for WA 14 occurs from mid-May through August with a duration of less than 8 minutes between the hours of 7:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

No instances of red glare is predicted for any OP or route segments. The total amount of annual green glare predicted for Analysis 2 is 215 minutes, and the total amount of annual yellow glare for Analysis 2 is 127 minutes. This is considered a minor amount.

Table 2. Summary of Predicted Glare

	Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare		Annual Red Glare	
		minutes	hours	minutes	hours	minutes	hours
Analysis 2	WA 14-1	215	3.6	127	2.1	-	-

No instances of yellow or red glare is predicted for any OP or route segment.

Table 3. Detailed Glare Summary

Receptor	Type of Glare	Minutes per Day	Time of Day	Time of Year
WA 14-1	Green	Less than 8 minutes	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Mid-May through August
	Yellow	Less than 5 minutes	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Mid-May through August

Analyses 3 – Optimized

Analysis 3 analyzed the same components as Analysis 2. With predicted glare occurring from PV Array 5 the resting angle was increased from 5 to 10 degrees. The SGHAT GlareGauge modeled the results for the Facility. No glare was predicted.

SUMMARY

The Facility Area layout was modeled on SGHAT GlareGauge to evaluate the potential extent of any glint and glare the proposed Facility may have upon nearby points of observation and vehicle routes. Three analyses were performed: the analyses represented a single axis tracking system with 52 degree tilt and panel specifications of smooth glass with ARC. Minor amounts of green glare (3.6 annual hours) and yellow glare (2.1 annual hours) were predicted along a segment of WA 14 from PV Array 5. Only a small section in the central portion of WA 14, which is directly adjacent to PV Array 5, is predicted to receive glare. No red glare was predicted. Analysis 3 found that, if the resting angle of PV Array 5 was increased to 10 degrees, it would eliminate the predicted glare. Tetra Tech recommends setting the resting angle for the area of arrays predicted to cause glare to 10 degrees to prevent glare.

The GlareGauge model does not account for varying ambient conditions (i.e., cloudy days, precipitation), atmospheric attenuation, screening due to existing topography not located within the defined array layouts. As such, the predicted results are considered conservative. Lastly, based on the results of the FAA Notice Criteria Tool, the Facility does not exceed notice criteria; therefore, it is not required for the Facility to be formally filed with the FAA Obstruction Evaluation Group.

REFERENCES

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Glint and Glare Analysis

Wallula Gap Solar

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ATTACHMENT A: GLARE ANALYSIS REPORTS

FORGESOLAR GLARE ANALYSIS

Project: Wallula Gap Solar Project

Site configuration: Analysis 1- 1st Story Receptors

Created 19 Dec, 2023

Updated 19 Dec, 2023

Time-step 1 minute

Timezone offset UTC-8

Minimum sun altitude 0.0 deg

DNI peaks at 1,000.0 W/m²

Category 10 MW to 100 MW

Site ID 108342.18788

Ocular transmission coefficient 0.5

Pupil diameter 0.002 m

Eye focal length 0.017 m

Sun subtended angle 9.3 mrad

PV analysis methodology V2



Summary of Results

No glare predicted

PV Array	Tilt °	Orient °	Annual Green Glare min	Annual Green Glare hr	Annual Yellow Glare min	Annual Yellow Glare hr	Energy kWh
PV array 1	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 2	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 3	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 4	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 5	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-

Total glare received by each receptor; may include duplicate times of glare from multiple reflective surfaces.

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

Component Data

PV Arrays

Name: PV array 1
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 52.0°
Resting angle: 5.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.32
Rated power: -
Panel material: Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity: Vary with sun
Slope error: correlate with material



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.964068	-119.455327	553.14	7.00	560.14
2	45.964052	-119.445861	556.08	7.00	563.08
3	45.961727	-119.444205	517.24	7.00	524.24
4	45.960840	-119.444014	509.51	7.00	516.51
5	45.960112	-119.443963	494.04	7.00	501.04
6	45.958936	-119.445297	481.06	7.00	488.06
7	45.958890	-119.449608	481.92	7.00	488.92
8	45.957526	-119.449699	481.45	7.00	488.45
9	45.957495	-119.453232	482.82	7.00	489.82
10	45.958575	-119.454870	490.06	7.00	497.06
11	45.959020	-119.455322	494.29	7.00	501.29
12	45.959925	-119.455611	501.57	7.00	508.57

Name: PV array 2
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 52.0°
Resting angle: 5.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.32
Rated power: -
Panel material: Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity: Vary with sun
Slope error: correlate with material



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Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.956543	-119.451151	476.17	7.00	483.17
2	45.956514	-119.448037	473.89	7.00	480.89
3	45.956179	-119.447920	467.41	7.00	474.41
4	45.955318	-119.447739	455.05	7.00	462.05
5	45.954251	-119.447765	437.71	7.00	444.71
6	45.954241	-119.448429	440.29	7.00	447.29
7	45.954590	-119.449000	450.70	7.00	457.70
8	45.956073	-119.451199	466.69	7.00	473.69

Name: PV array 3
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 52.0°
Resting angle: 5.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.32
Rated power: -
Panel material: Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity: Vary with sun
Slope error: correlate with material



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Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.955979	-119.455532	472.53	7.00	479.53
2	45.955932	-119.451570	465.93	7.00	472.93
3	45.954758	-119.451585	455.74	7.00	462.74
4	45.954741	-119.449968	454.14	7.00	461.14
5	45.954016	-119.448616	436.89	7.00	443.89
6	45.953637	-119.448636	433.44	7.00	440.44
7	45.953673	-119.455586	438.50	7.00	445.50

Name: PV array 4
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 52.0°
Resting angle: 5.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.32
Rated power: -
Panel material: Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity: Vary with sun
Slope error: correlate with material



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.953113	-119.455331	436.36	7.00	443.36
2	45.953103	-119.447321	429.60	7.00	436.60
3	45.951986	-119.447281	413.49	7.00	420.49
4	45.951922	-119.445424	414.48	7.00	421.48
5	45.950797	-119.443616	397.01	7.00	404.01
6	45.949605	-119.441998	390.90	7.00	397.90
7	45.949297	-119.441681	386.38	7.00	393.38
8	45.948500	-119.441678	384.09	7.00	391.09
9	45.948029	-119.444439	395.66	7.00	402.66
10	45.947718	-119.446575	387.40	7.00	394.40
11	45.947422	-119.451839	386.14	7.00	393.14
12	45.947423	-119.455493	387.36	7.00	394.36

Name: PV array 5
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 52.0°
Resting angle: 5.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.32
Rated power: -
Panel material: Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity: Vary with sun
Slope error: correlate with material



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.952102	-119.444247	416.40	7.00	423.40
2	45.952095	-119.441415	418.83	7.00	425.83
3	45.953230	-119.441391	429.58	7.00	436.58
4	45.953245	-119.439846	427.97	7.00	434.97
5	45.951783	-119.439792	419.81	7.00	426.81
6	45.951671	-119.435458	413.12	7.00	420.12
7	45.950828	-119.435318	400.98	7.00	407.98
8	45.950144	-119.435329	392.41	7.00	399.41
9	45.949726	-119.435908	394.84	7.00	401.84
10	45.949703	-119.437400	390.65	7.00	397.65
11	45.949345	-119.437453	388.17	7.00	395.17
12	45.949338	-119.438816	390.69	7.00	397.69
13	45.948920	-119.438870	384.17	7.00	391.17
14	45.949017	-119.440715	383.44	7.00	390.44
15	45.949771	-119.441639	389.84	7.00	396.84
16	45.950969	-119.443323	405.20	7.00	412.20
17	45.951655	-119.444278	407.12	7.00	414.12

Route Receptors

Name: McNary Hwy
Path type: Two-way
Observer view angle: 50.0°



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.967340	-119.341676	597.10	5.00	602.10
2	45.965714	-119.342298	573.03	5.00	578.03
3	45.964092	-119.342641	549.28	5.00	554.28
4	45.962906	-119.342759	533.41	5.00	538.41
5	45.961213	-119.342577	512.60	5.00	517.60
6	45.959811	-119.342256	498.29	5.00	503.29
7	45.958640	-119.341784	489.83	5.00	494.83
8	45.957044	-119.340981	487.33	5.00	492.33
9	45.954631	-119.339824	476.83	5.00	481.83
10	45.952628	-119.338860	470.59	5.00	475.59
11	45.950624	-119.337896	465.65	5.00	470.65
12	45.948246	-119.336728	458.43	5.00	463.43
13	45.945218	-119.335307	428.60	5.00	433.60
14	45.943238	-119.334350	408.90	5.00	413.90
15	45.940170	-119.332854	390.85	5.00	395.85
16	45.935669	-119.330670	328.23	5.00	333.23
17	45.930469	-119.328215	267.60	5.00	272.60
18	45.928416	-119.327182	273.04	5.00	278.04

Name: S Plymouth Rd
Path type: Two-way
Observer view angle: 50.0°



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.934753	-119.350942	291.03	5.00	296.03
2	45.936276	-119.351221	287.35	5.00	292.35
3	45.937925	-119.351538	280.65	5.00	285.65
4	45.939864	-119.351474	309.05	5.00	314.05
5	45.947258	-119.351380	446.71	5.00	451.71
6	45.952767	-119.351251	521.11	5.00	526.11
7	45.984756	-119.350582	754.63	5.00	759.63
8	45.994590	-119.350511	881.89	5.00	886.89

Name: WA 14-1
Path type: Two-way
Observer view angle: 50.0°



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.941191	-119.560872	418.89	5.00	423.89
2	45.942672	-119.546463	421.09	5.00	426.09
3	45.943112	-119.541941	386.21	5.00	391.21
4	45.943610	-119.531533	338.07	5.00	343.07
5	45.944239	-119.517257	348.54	5.00	353.54
6	45.944652	-119.508268	372.57	5.00	377.57
7	45.945122	-119.497717	374.38	5.00	379.38
8	45.945779	-119.482585	370.55	5.00	375.55
9	45.946608	-119.464398	385.68	5.00	390.68
10	45.947265	-119.448704	386.46	5.00	391.46
11	45.947474	-119.446161	385.38	5.00	390.38
12	45.948097	-119.441684	386.75	5.00	391.75
13	45.948984	-119.437457	388.22	5.00	393.22
14	45.949723	-119.434734	393.91	5.00	398.91
15	45.950935	-119.431219	403.38	5.00	408.38
16	45.952139	-119.427982	413.23	5.00	418.23
17	45.954825	-119.420810	422.96	5.00	427.96
18	45.958357	-119.410946	472.42	5.00	477.42

Name: WA 14-2
Path type: Two-way
Observer view angle: 50.0°



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.958387	-119.410603	473.05	5.00	478.05
2	45.958327	-119.409530	474.05	5.00	479.05
3	45.957626	-119.408092	469.76	5.00	474.76
4	45.954256	-119.405466	421.70	5.00	426.70
5	45.950932	-119.402954	391.49	5.00	396.49
6	45.950305	-119.402224	382.06	5.00	387.06
7	45.949828	-119.401452	376.69	5.00	381.69
8	45.949351	-119.400336	370.06	5.00	375.06
9	45.949022	-119.398169	364.21	5.00	369.21
10	45.947573	-119.382693	375.34	5.00	380.34
11	45.946655	-119.372767	371.27	5.00	376.27
12	45.945924	-119.364917	384.84	5.00	389.84
13	45.944895	-119.353824	412.19	5.00	417.19
14	45.943925	-119.343364	425.34	5.00	430.34
15	45.943940	-119.342248	426.82	5.00	431.82
16	45.944134	-119.340982	428.09	5.00	433.09
17	45.945399	-119.335469	428.07	5.00	433.07

Discrete Observation Point Receptors

Name	ID	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Elevation (ft)	Height (ft)
OP 1	1	45.929734	-119.352818	280.68	6.00
OP 2	2	45.922714	-119.334458	292.67	6.00
OP 3	3	45.913082	-119.431330	276.34	6.00
OP 4	4	45.899565	-119.489066	284.40	6.00
OP 5	5	45.943722	-119.558719	439.96	6.00
OP 6	6	45.947993	-119.352693	460.37	6.00
OP 7	7	45.943148	-119.359106	377.71	6.00
OP 8	8	45.935513	-119.359982	302.38	6.00
OP 9	9	45.930614	-119.389803	297.19	6.00
OP 10	10	45.937349	-119.413872	375.33	6.00
OP 11	11	45.924596	-119.464932	359.19	6.00

Glare Analysis Results

Summary of Results

No glare predicted

PV Array	Tilt °	Orient °	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare		Energy kWh
PV array 1	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 2	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 3	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 4	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 5	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-

Total glare received by each receptor; may include duplicate times of glare from multiple reflective surfaces.

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV: PV array 1 no glare found

Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV array 1 and Route: McNary Hwy

No glare found

PV array 1 and Route: S Plymouth Rd

No glare found

PV array 1 and Route: WA 14-1

No glare found

PV array 1 and Route: WA 14-2

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 1

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 2

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 3

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 4

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 5

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 6

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 7

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 8

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 9

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 10

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 11

No glare found

PV: PV array 2 no glare found

Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV array 2 and Route: McNary Hwy

No glare found

PV array 2 and Route: S Plymouth Rd

No glare found

PV array 2 and Route: WA 14-1

No glare found

PV array 2 and Route: WA 14-2

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 1

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 2

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 3

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 4

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 5

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 6

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 7

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 8

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 9

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 10

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 11

No glare found

PV: PV array 3 no glare found

Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV array 3 and Route: McNary Hwy

No glare found

PV array 3 and Route: S Plymouth Rd

No glare found

PV array 3 and Route: WA 14-1

No glare found

PV array 3 and Route: WA 14-2

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 1

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 2

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 3

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 4

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 5

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 6

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 7

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 8

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 9

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 10

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 11

No glare found

PV: PV array 4 no glare found

Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV array 4 and Route: McNary Hwy

No glare found

PV array 4 and Route: S Plymouth Rd

No glare found

PV array 4 and Route: WA 14-1

No glare found

PV array 4 and Route: WA 14-2

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 1

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 2

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 3

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 4

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 5

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 6

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 7

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 8

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 9

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 10

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 11

No glare found

PV: PV array 5 no glare found

Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV array 5 and Route: McNary Hwy

No glare found

PV array 5 and Route: S Plymouth Rd

No glare found

PV array 5 and Route: WA 14-1

No glare found

PV array 5 and Route: WA 14-2

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 1

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 2

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 3

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 4

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 5

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 6

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 7

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 8

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 9

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 10

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 11

No glare found

Assumptions

"Green" glare is glare with low potential to cause an after-image (flash blindness) when observed prior to a typical blink response time.

"Yellow" glare is glare with potential to cause an after-image (flash blindness) when observed prior to a typical blink response time.

Times associated with glare are denoted in Standard time. For Daylight Savings, add one hour.

The algorithm does not rigorously represent the detailed geometry of a system; detailed features such as gaps between modules, variable height of the PV array, and support structures may impact actual glare results. However, we have validated our models against several systems, including a PV array causing glare to the air-traffic control tower at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport and several sites in Albuquerque, and the tool accurately predicted the occurrence and intensity of glare at different times and days of the year.

Several V1 calculations utilize the PV array centroid, rather than the actual glare spot location, due to algorithm limitations. This may affect results for large PV footprints. Additional analyses of array sub-sections can provide additional information on expected glare. This primarily affects V1 analyses of path receptors.

Random number computations are utilized by various steps of the annual hazard analysis algorithm. Predicted minutes of glare can vary between runs as a result. This limitation primarily affects analyses of Observation Point receptors, including ATCTs. Note that the SGHAT/ForgeSolar methodology has always relied on an analytical, qualitative approach to accurately determine the overall hazard (i.e. green vs. yellow) of expected glare on an annual basis.

The analysis does not automatically consider obstacles (either man-made or natural) between the observation points and the prescribed solar installation that may obstruct observed glare, such as trees, hills, buildings, etc.

The subtended source angle (glare spot size) is constrained by the PV array footprint size. Partitioning large arrays into smaller sections will reduce the maximum potential subtended angle, potentially impacting results if actual glare spots are larger than the sub-array size. Additional analyses of the combined area of adjacent sub-arrays can provide more information on potential glare hazards. (See previous point on related limitations.)

The variable direct normal irradiance (DNI) feature (if selected) scales the user-prescribed peak DNI using a typical clear-day irradiance profile. This profile has a lower DNI in the mornings and evenings and a maximum at solar noon. The scaling uses a clear-day irradiance profile based on a normalized time relative to sunrise, solar noon, and sunset, which are prescribed by a sun-position algorithm and the latitude and longitude obtained from Google maps. The actual DNI on any given day can be affected by cloud cover, atmospheric attenuation, and other environmental factors.

The ocular hazard predicted by the tool depends on a number of environmental, optical, and human factors, which can be uncertain. We provide input fields and typical ranges of values for these factors so that the user can vary these parameters to see if they have an impact on the results. The speed of SGHAT allows expedited sensitivity and parametric analyses.

The system output calculation is a DNI-based approximation that assumes clear, sunny skies year-round. It should not be used in place of more rigorous modeling methods.

Hazard zone boundaries shown in the Glare Hazard plot are an approximation and visual aid based on aggregated research data. Actual ocular impact outcomes encompass a continuous, not discrete, spectrum.

Glare locations displayed on receptor plots are approximate. Actual glare-spot locations may differ.

Refer to the Help page at www.forgesolar.com/help/ for assumptions and limitations not listed here.

Default glare analysis parameters and observer eye characteristics (for reference only):

- Analysis time interval: 1 minute
- Ocular transmission coefficient: 0.5
- Pupil diameter: 0.002 meters
- Eye focal length: 0.017 meters
- Sun subtended angle: 9.3 milliradians

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FORGESOLAR GLARE ANALYSIS

Project: Wallula Gap Solar Project

Site configuration: Analysis 2- 2nd Story Receptors

Created 19 Dec, 2023

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Time-step 1 minute

Timezone offset UTC-8

Minimum sun altitude 0.0 deg

DNI peaks at 1,000.0 W/m²

Category 10 MW to 100 MW

Site ID 108341.18788

Ocular transmission coefficient 0.5

Pupil diameter 0.002 m

Eye focal length 0.017 m

Sun subtended angle 9.3 mrad

PV analysis methodology V2



Summary of Results

Glare with potential for temporary after-image predicted

PV Array	Tilt °	Orient °	Annual Green Glare min	Annual Green Glare hr	Annual Yellow Glare min	Annual Yellow Glare hr	Energy kWh
PV array 1	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 2	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 3	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 4	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 5	SA tracking	SA tracking	215	3.6	127	2.1	-

Total glare received by each receptor; may include duplicate times of glare from multiple reflective surfaces.

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	215	3.6	127	2.1
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

Component Data

PV Arrays

Name: PV array 1
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 52.0°
Resting angle: 5.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.32
Rated power: -
Panel material: Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity: Vary with sun
Slope error: correlate with material



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.964068	-119.455327	553.14	7.00	560.14
2	45.964052	-119.445861	556.08	7.00	563.08
3	45.961727	-119.444205	517.24	7.00	524.24
4	45.960840	-119.444014	509.51	7.00	516.51
5	45.960112	-119.443963	494.04	7.00	501.04
6	45.958936	-119.445297	481.06	7.00	488.06
7	45.958890	-119.449608	481.92	7.00	488.92
8	45.957526	-119.449699	481.45	7.00	488.45
9	45.957495	-119.453232	482.82	7.00	489.82
10	45.958575	-119.454870	490.06	7.00	497.06
11	45.959020	-119.455322	494.29	7.00	501.29
12	45.959925	-119.455611	501.57	7.00	508.57

Name: PV array 2
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 52.0°
Resting angle: 5.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.32
Rated power: -
Panel material: Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity: Vary with sun
Slope error: correlate with material



Google, Airbus, CNES / Airbus, Maxar Technologies, State of Oregon, USDA/FPAC/GEO

Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.956543	-119.451151	476.17	7.00	483.17
2	45.956514	-119.448037	473.89	7.00	480.89
3	45.956179	-119.447920	467.41	7.00	474.41
4	45.955318	-119.447739	455.05	7.00	462.05
5	45.954251	-119.447765	437.71	7.00	444.71
6	45.954241	-119.448429	440.29	7.00	447.29
7	45.954590	-119.449000	450.70	7.00	457.70
8	45.956073	-119.451199	466.69	7.00	473.69

Name: PV array 3
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 52.0°
Resting angle: 5.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.32
Rated power: -
Panel material: Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity: Vary with sun
Slope error: correlate with material



Google, Airbus, CNES / Airbus, Maxar Technologies, State of Oregon, USDA/FPAC/GEO

Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.955979	-119.455532	472.53	7.00	479.53
2	45.955932	-119.451570	465.93	7.00	472.93
3	45.954758	-119.451585	455.74	7.00	462.74
4	45.954741	-119.449968	454.14	7.00	461.14
5	45.954016	-119.448616	436.89	7.00	443.89
6	45.953637	-119.448636	433.44	7.00	440.44
7	45.953673	-119.455586	438.50	7.00	445.50

Name: PV array 4
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 52.0°
Resting angle: 5.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.32
Rated power: -
Panel material: Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity: Vary with sun
Slope error: correlate with material



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.953113	-119.455331	436.36	7.00	443.36
2	45.953103	-119.447321	429.60	7.00	436.60
3	45.951986	-119.447281	413.49	7.00	420.49
4	45.951922	-119.445424	414.48	7.00	421.48
5	45.950797	-119.443616	397.01	7.00	404.01
6	45.949605	-119.441998	390.90	7.00	397.90
7	45.949297	-119.441681	386.38	7.00	393.38
8	45.948500	-119.441678	384.09	7.00	391.09
9	45.948029	-119.444439	395.66	7.00	402.66
10	45.947718	-119.446575	387.40	7.00	394.40
11	45.947422	-119.451839	386.14	7.00	393.14
12	45.947423	-119.455493	387.36	7.00	394.36

Name: PV array 5
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 52.0°
Resting angle: 5.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.32
Rated power: -
Panel material: Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity: Vary with sun
Slope error: correlate with material



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.952102	-119.444247	416.40	7.00	423.40
2	45.952095	-119.441415	418.83	7.00	425.83
3	45.953230	-119.441391	429.58	7.00	436.58
4	45.953245	-119.439846	427.97	7.00	434.97
5	45.951783	-119.439792	419.81	7.00	426.81
6	45.951671	-119.435458	413.12	7.00	420.12
7	45.950828	-119.435318	400.98	7.00	407.98
8	45.950144	-119.435329	392.41	7.00	399.41
9	45.949726	-119.435908	394.84	7.00	401.84
10	45.949703	-119.437400	390.65	7.00	397.65
11	45.949345	-119.437453	388.17	7.00	395.17
12	45.949338	-119.438816	390.69	7.00	397.69
13	45.948920	-119.438870	384.17	7.00	391.17
14	45.949017	-119.440715	383.44	7.00	390.44
15	45.949771	-119.441639	389.84	7.00	396.84
16	45.950969	-119.443323	405.20	7.00	412.20
17	45.951655	-119.444278	407.12	7.00	414.12

Route Receptors

Name: McNary Hwy
Path type: Two-way
Observer view angle: 50.0°



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.967340	-119.341676	597.10	9.00	606.10
2	45.965714	-119.342298	573.03	9.00	582.03
3	45.964092	-119.342641	549.28	9.00	558.28
4	45.962906	-119.342759	533.41	9.00	542.41
5	45.961213	-119.342577	512.60	9.00	521.60
6	45.959811	-119.342256	498.29	9.00	507.29
7	45.958640	-119.341784	489.83	9.00	498.83
8	45.957044	-119.340981	487.33	9.00	496.33
9	45.954631	-119.339824	476.83	9.00	485.83
10	45.952628	-119.338860	470.59	9.00	479.59
11	45.950624	-119.337896	465.65	9.00	474.65
12	45.948246	-119.336728	458.43	9.00	467.43
13	45.945218	-119.335307	428.60	9.00	437.60
14	45.943238	-119.334350	408.90	9.00	417.90
15	45.940170	-119.332854	390.85	9.00	399.85
16	45.935669	-119.330670	328.23	9.00	337.23
17	45.930469	-119.328215	267.60	9.00	276.60
18	45.928416	-119.327182	273.04	9.00	282.04

Name: S Plymouth Rd

Path type: Two-way

Observer view angle: 50.0°



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.934753	-119.350942	291.03	9.00	300.03
2	45.936276	-119.351221	287.35	9.00	296.35
3	45.937925	-119.351538	280.65	9.00	289.65
4	45.939864	-119.351474	309.05	9.00	318.05
5	45.947258	-119.351380	446.71	9.00	455.71
6	45.952767	-119.351251	521.11	9.00	530.11
7	45.984756	-119.350582	754.63	9.00	763.63
8	45.994590	-119.350511	881.89	9.00	890.89

Name: WA 14-1
Path type: Two-way
Observer view angle: 50.0°



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.941191	-119.560872	418.89	9.00	427.89
2	45.942672	-119.546463	421.09	9.00	430.09
3	45.943112	-119.541941	386.21	9.00	395.21
4	45.943610	-119.531533	338.07	9.00	347.07
5	45.944239	-119.517257	348.54	9.00	357.54
6	45.944652	-119.508268	372.57	9.00	381.57
7	45.945122	-119.497717	374.38	9.00	383.38
8	45.945779	-119.482585	370.55	9.00	379.55
9	45.946608	-119.464398	385.68	9.00	394.68
10	45.947265	-119.448704	386.46	9.00	395.46
11	45.947474	-119.446161	385.38	9.00	394.38
12	45.948097	-119.441684	386.75	9.00	395.75
13	45.948984	-119.437457	388.22	9.00	397.22
14	45.949723	-119.434734	393.91	9.00	402.91
15	45.950935	-119.431219	403.38	9.00	412.38
16	45.952139	-119.427982	413.23	9.00	422.23
17	45.954825	-119.420810	422.96	9.00	431.96
18	45.958357	-119.410946	472.42	9.00	481.42

Name: WA 14-2
Path type: Two-way
Observer view angle: 50.0°



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.958387	-119.410603	473.05	9.00	482.05
2	45.958327	-119.409530	474.05	9.00	483.05
3	45.957626	-119.408092	469.76	9.00	478.76
4	45.954256	-119.405466	421.70	9.00	430.70
5	45.950932	-119.402954	391.49	9.00	400.49
6	45.950305	-119.402224	382.06	9.00	391.06
7	45.949828	-119.401452	376.69	9.00	385.69
8	45.949351	-119.400336	370.06	9.00	379.06
9	45.949022	-119.398169	364.21	9.00	373.21
10	45.947573	-119.382693	375.34	9.00	384.34
11	45.946655	-119.372767	371.27	9.00	380.27
12	45.945924	-119.364917	384.84	9.00	393.84
13	45.944895	-119.353824	412.19	9.00	421.19
14	45.943925	-119.343364	425.34	9.00	434.34
15	45.943940	-119.342248	426.82	9.00	435.82
16	45.944134	-119.340982	428.09	9.00	437.09
17	45.945399	-119.335469	428.07	9.00	437.07

Discrete Observation Point Receptors

Name	ID	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Elevation (ft)	Height (ft)
OP 1	1	45.929734	-119.352818	280.68	16.00
OP 2	2	45.922714	-119.334458	292.67	16.00
OP 3	3	45.913082	-119.431330	276.34	16.00
OP 4	4	45.899565	-119.489066	284.40	16.00
OP 5	5	45.943722	-119.558719	439.96	16.00
OP 6	6	45.947993	-119.352693	460.37	16.00
OP 7	7	45.943148	-119.359106	377.71	16.00
OP 8	8	45.935513	-119.359982	302.38	16.00
OP 9	9	45.930614	-119.389803	297.19	16.00
OP 10	10	45.937349	-119.413872	375.33	16.00
OP 11	11	45.924596	-119.464932	359.19	16.00

Glare Analysis Results

Summary of Results

Glare with potential for temporary after-image predicted

PV Array	Tilt °	Orient °	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare		Energy kWh
PV array 1	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 2	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 3	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 4	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 5	SA tracking	SA tracking	215	3.6	127	2.1	-

Total glare received by each receptor; may include duplicate times of glare from multiple reflective surfaces.

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	215	3.6	127	2.1
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV: PV array 1 no glare found

Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV array 1 and Route: McNary Hwy

No glare found

PV array 1 and Route: S Plymouth Rd

No glare found

PV array 1 and Route: WA 14-1

No glare found

PV array 1 and Route: WA 14-2

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 1

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 2

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 3

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 4

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 5

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 6

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 7

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 8

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 9

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 10

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 11

No glare found

PV: PV array 2 no glare found

Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV array 2 and Route: McNary Hwy

No glare found

PV array 2 and Route: S Plymouth Rd

No glare found

PV array 2 and Route: WA 14-1

No glare found

PV array 2 and Route: WA 14-2

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 1

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 2

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 3

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 4

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 5

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 6

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 7

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 8

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 9

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 10

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 11

No glare found

PV: PV array 3 no glare found

Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV array 3 and Route: McNary Hwy

No glare found

PV array 3 and Route: S Plymouth Rd

No glare found

PV array 3 and Route: WA 14-1

No glare found

PV array 3 and Route: WA 14-2

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 1

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 2

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 3

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 4

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 5

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 6

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 7

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 8

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 9

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 10

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 11

No glare found

PV: PV array 4 no glare found

Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV array 4 and Route: McNary Hwy

No glare found

PV array 4 and Route: S Plymouth Rd

No glare found

PV array 4 and Route: WA 14-1

No glare found

PV array 4 and Route: WA 14-2

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 1

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 2

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 3

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 4

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 5

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 6

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 7

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 8

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 9

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 10

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 11

No glare found

PV: PV array 5 potential temporary after-image

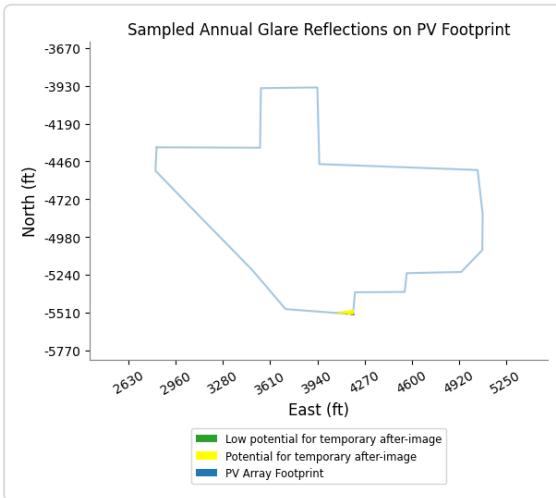
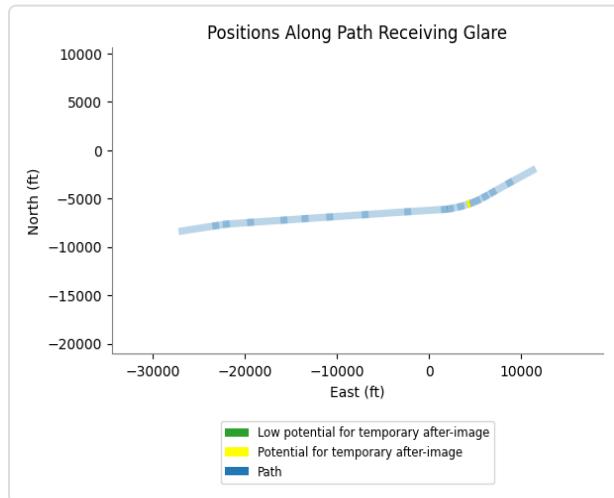
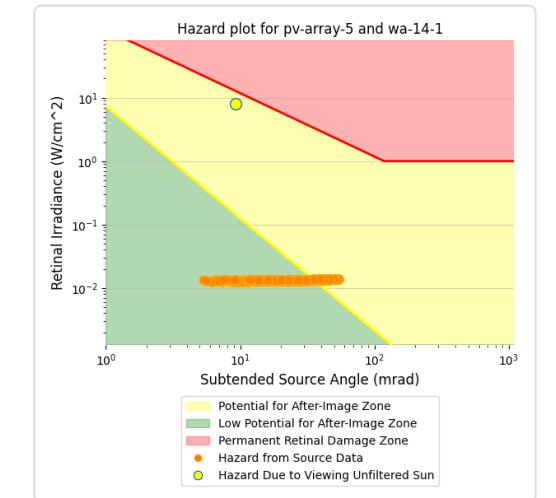
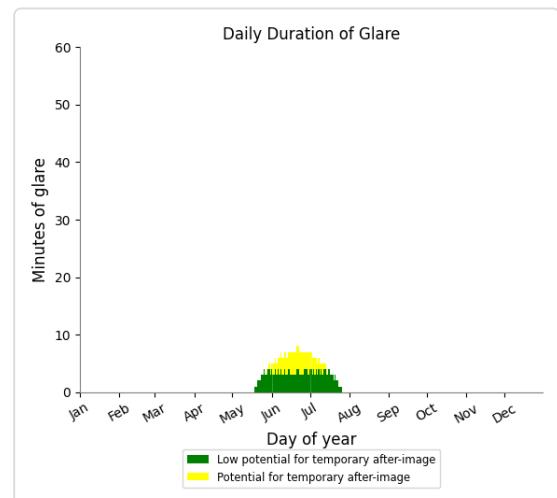
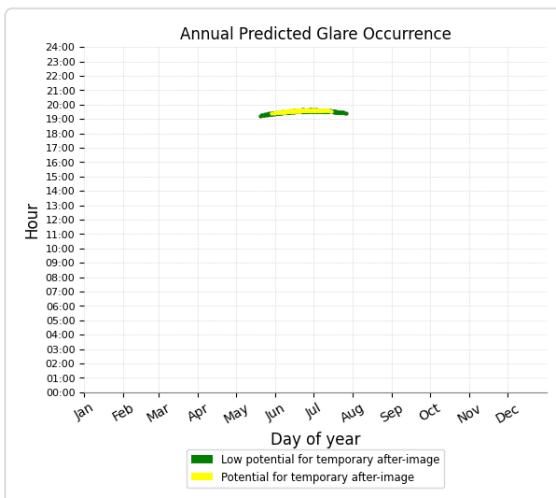
Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
WA 14-1	215	3.6	127	2.1
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV array 5 and Route: WA 14-1

Yellow glare: 127 min.

Green glare: 215 min.



PV array 5 and Route: McNary Hwy

No glare found

PV array 5 and Route: S Plymouth Rd

No glare found

PV array 5 and Route: WA 14-2

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 1

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 2

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 3

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 4

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 5

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 6

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 7

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 8

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 9

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 10

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 11

No glare found

Assumptions

"Green" glare is glare with low potential to cause an after-image (flash blindness) when observed prior to a typical blink response time.

"Yellow" glare is glare with potential to cause an after-image (flash blindness) when observed prior to a typical blink response time.

Times associated with glare are denoted in Standard time. For Daylight Savings, add one hour.

The algorithm does not rigorously represent the detailed geometry of a system; detailed features such as gaps between modules, variable height of the PV array, and support structures may impact actual glare results. However, we have validated our models against several systems, including a PV array causing glare to the air-traffic control tower at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport and several sites in Albuquerque, and the tool accurately predicted the occurrence and intensity of glare at different times and days of the year.

Several V1 calculations utilize the PV array centroid, rather than the actual glare spot location, due to algorithm limitations. This may affect results for large PV footprints. Additional analyses of array sub-sections can provide additional information on expected glare. This primarily affects V1 analyses of path receptors.

Random number computations are utilized by various steps of the annual hazard analysis algorithm. Predicted minutes of glare can vary between runs as a result. This limitation primarily affects analyses of Observation Point receptors, including ATCTs. Note that the SGHAT/ForgeSolar methodology has always relied on an analytical, qualitative approach to accurately determine the overall hazard (i.e. green vs. yellow) of expected glare on an annual basis.

The analysis does not automatically consider obstacles (either man-made or natural) between the observation points and the prescribed solar installation that may obstruct observed glare, such as trees, hills, buildings, etc.

The subtended source angle (glare spot size) is constrained by the PV array footprint size. Partitioning large arrays into smaller sections will reduce the maximum potential subtended angle, potentially impacting results if actual glare spots are larger than the sub-array size. Additional analyses of the combined area of adjacent sub-arrays can provide more information on potential glare hazards. (See previous point on related limitations.)

The variable direct normal irradiance (DNI) feature (if selected) scales the user-prescribed peak DNI using a typical clear-day irradiance profile. This profile has a lower DNI in the mornings and evenings and a maximum at solar noon. The scaling uses a clear-day irradiance profile based on a normalized time relative to sunrise, solar noon, and sunset, which are prescribed by a sun-position algorithm and the latitude and longitude obtained from Google maps. The actual DNI on any given day can be affected by cloud cover, atmospheric attenuation, and other environmental factors.

The ocular hazard predicted by the tool depends on a number of environmental, optical, and human factors, which can be uncertain. We provide input fields and typical ranges of values for these factors so that the user can vary these parameters to see if they have an impact on the results. The speed of SGHAT allows expedited sensitivity and parametric analyses.

The system output calculation is a DNI-based approximation that assumes clear, sunny skies year-round. It should not be used in place of more rigorous modeling methods.

Hazard zone boundaries shown in the Glare Hazard plot are an approximation and visual aid based on aggregated research data. Actual ocular impact outcomes encompass a continuous, not discrete, spectrum.

Glare locations displayed on receptor plots are approximate. Actual glare-spot locations may differ.

Refer to the Help page at www.forgesolar.com/help/ for assumptions and limitations not listed here.

Default glare analysis parameters and observer eye characteristics (for reference only):

- Analysis time interval: 1 minute
- Ocular transmission coefficient: 0.5
- Pupil diameter: 0.002 meters
- Eye focal length: 0.017 meters
- Sun subtended angle: 9.3 milliradians

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FORGESOLAR GLARE ANALYSIS

Project: Wallula Gap Solar Project

Site configuration: Analysis 3- Optimized

Created 08 Jan, 2024

Updated 09 Jan, 2024

Time-step 1 minute

Timezone offset UTC-8

Minimum sun altitude 0.0 deg

DNI peaks at 1,000.0 W/m²

Category 10 MW to 100 MW

Site ID 109370.18788

Ocular transmission coefficient 0.5

Pupil diameter 0.002 m

Eye focal length 0.017 m

Sun subtended angle 9.3 mrad

PV analysis methodology V2



Summary of Results

No glare predicted

PV Array	Tilt °	Orient °	Annual Green Glare min	Annual Green Glare hr	Annual Yellow Glare min	Annual Yellow Glare hr	Energy kWh
PV array 1	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 2	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 3	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 4	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 5	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-

Total glare received by each receptor; may include duplicate times of glare from multiple reflective surfaces.

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

Component Data

PV Arrays

Name: PV array 1
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 52.0°
Resting angle: 5.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.32
Rated power: -
Panel material: Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity: Vary with sun
Slope error: correlate with material



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.964068	-119.455327	553.14	7.00	560.14
2	45.964052	-119.445861	556.08	7.00	563.08
3	45.961727	-119.444205	517.24	7.00	524.24
4	45.960840	-119.444014	509.51	7.00	516.51
5	45.960112	-119.443963	494.04	7.00	501.04
6	45.958936	-119.445297	481.06	7.00	488.06
7	45.958890	-119.449608	481.92	7.00	488.92
8	45.957526	-119.449699	481.45	7.00	488.45
9	45.957495	-119.453232	482.82	7.00	489.82
10	45.958575	-119.454870	490.06	7.00	497.06
11	45.959020	-119.455322	494.29	7.00	501.29
12	45.959925	-119.455611	501.57	7.00	508.57

Name: PV array 2
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 52.0°
Resting angle: 5.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.32
Rated power: -
Panel material: Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity: Vary with sun
Slope error: correlate with material



Google, Airbus, CNES / Airbus, Maxar Technologies, State of Oregon, USDA/FPAC/GEO

Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.956543	-119.451151	476.17	7.00	483.17
2	45.956514	-119.448037	473.89	7.00	480.89
3	45.956179	-119.447920	467.41	7.00	474.41
4	45.955318	-119.447739	455.05	7.00	462.05
5	45.954251	-119.447765	437.71	7.00	444.71
6	45.954241	-119.448429	440.29	7.00	447.29
7	45.954590	-119.449000	450.70	7.00	457.70
8	45.956073	-119.451199	466.69	7.00	473.69

Name: PV array 3
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 52.0°
Resting angle: 5.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.32
Rated power: -
Panel material: Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity: Vary with sun
Slope error: correlate with material



Google, Airbus, CNES / Airbus, Maxar Technologies, State of Oregon, USDA/FPAC/GEO

Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.955979	-119.455532	472.53	7.00	479.53
2	45.955932	-119.451570	465.93	7.00	472.93
3	45.954758	-119.451585	455.74	7.00	462.74
4	45.954741	-119.449968	454.14	7.00	461.14
5	45.954016	-119.448616	436.89	7.00	443.89
6	45.953637	-119.448636	433.44	7.00	440.44
7	45.953673	-119.455586	438.50	7.00	445.50

Name: PV array 4
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 52.0°
Resting angle: 5.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.32
Rated power: -
Panel material: Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity: Vary with sun
Slope error: correlate with material



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.953113	-119.455331	436.36	7.00	443.36
2	45.953103	-119.447321	429.60	7.00	436.60
3	45.951986	-119.447281	413.49	7.00	420.49
4	45.951922	-119.445424	414.48	7.00	421.48
5	45.950797	-119.443616	397.01	7.00	404.01
6	45.949605	-119.441998	390.90	7.00	397.90
7	45.949297	-119.441681	386.38	7.00	393.38
8	45.948500	-119.441678	384.09	7.00	391.09
9	45.948029	-119.444439	395.66	7.00	402.66
10	45.947718	-119.446575	387.40	7.00	394.40
11	45.947422	-119.451839	386.14	7.00	393.14
12	45.947423	-119.455493	387.36	7.00	394.36

Name: PV array 5
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 52.0°
Resting angle: 10.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.32
Rated power: -
Panel material: Smooth glass with AR coating
Reflectivity: Vary with sun
Slope error: correlate with material



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.952102	-119.444247	416.40	7.00	423.40
2	45.952095	-119.441415	418.83	7.00	425.83
3	45.953230	-119.441391	429.58	7.00	436.58
4	45.953245	-119.439846	427.97	7.00	434.97
5	45.951783	-119.439792	419.81	7.00	426.81
6	45.951671	-119.435458	413.12	7.00	420.12
7	45.950828	-119.435318	400.98	7.00	407.98
8	45.950144	-119.435329	392.41	7.00	399.41
9	45.949726	-119.435908	394.84	7.00	401.84
10	45.949703	-119.437400	390.65	7.00	397.65
11	45.949345	-119.437453	388.17	7.00	395.17
12	45.949338	-119.438816	390.69	7.00	397.69
13	45.948920	-119.438870	384.17	7.00	391.17
14	45.949017	-119.440715	383.44	7.00	390.44
15	45.949771	-119.441639	389.84	7.00	396.84
16	45.950969	-119.443323	405.20	7.00	412.20
17	45.951655	-119.444278	407.12	7.00	414.12

Route Receptors

Name: McNary Hwy
Path type: Two-way
Observer view angle: 50.0°



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.967340	-119.341676	597.10	9.00	606.10
2	45.965714	-119.342298	573.03	9.00	582.03
3	45.964092	-119.342641	549.28	9.00	558.28
4	45.962906	-119.342759	533.41	9.00	542.41
5	45.961213	-119.342577	512.60	9.00	521.60
6	45.959811	-119.342256	498.29	9.00	507.29
7	45.958640	-119.341784	489.83	9.00	498.83
8	45.957044	-119.340981	487.33	9.00	496.33
9	45.954631	-119.339824	476.83	9.00	485.83
10	45.952628	-119.338860	470.59	9.00	479.59
11	45.950624	-119.337896	465.65	9.00	474.65
12	45.948246	-119.336728	458.43	9.00	467.43
13	45.945218	-119.335307	428.60	9.00	437.60
14	45.943238	-119.334350	408.90	9.00	417.90
15	45.940170	-119.332854	390.85	9.00	399.85
16	45.935669	-119.330670	328.23	9.00	337.23
17	45.930469	-119.328215	267.60	9.00	276.60
18	45.928416	-119.327182	273.04	9.00	282.04

Name: S Plymouth Rd

Path type: Two-way

Observer view angle: 50.0°



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.934753	-119.350942	291.03	9.00	300.03
2	45.936276	-119.351221	287.35	9.00	296.35
3	45.937925	-119.351538	280.65	9.00	289.65
4	45.939864	-119.351474	309.05	9.00	318.05
5	45.947258	-119.351380	446.71	9.00	455.71
6	45.952767	-119.351251	521.11	9.00	530.11
7	45.984756	-119.350582	754.63	9.00	763.63
8	45.994590	-119.350511	881.89	9.00	890.89

Name: WA 14-1
Path type: Two-way
Observer view angle: 50.0°



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.941191	-119.560872	418.89	9.00	427.89
2	45.942672	-119.546463	421.09	9.00	430.09
3	45.943112	-119.541941	386.21	9.00	395.21
4	45.943610	-119.531533	338.07	9.00	347.07
5	45.944239	-119.517257	348.54	9.00	357.54
6	45.944652	-119.508268	372.57	9.00	381.57
7	45.945122	-119.497717	374.38	9.00	383.38
8	45.945779	-119.482585	370.55	9.00	379.55
9	45.946608	-119.464398	385.68	9.00	394.68
10	45.947265	-119.448704	386.46	9.00	395.46
11	45.947474	-119.446161	385.38	9.00	394.38
12	45.948097	-119.441684	386.75	9.00	395.75
13	45.948984	-119.437457	388.22	9.00	397.22
14	45.949723	-119.434734	393.91	9.00	402.91
15	45.950935	-119.431219	403.38	9.00	412.38
16	45.952139	-119.427982	413.23	9.00	422.23
17	45.954825	-119.420810	422.96	9.00	431.96
18	45.958357	-119.410946	472.42	9.00	481.42

Name: WA 14-2
Path type: Two-way
Observer view angle: 50.0°



Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	45.958387	-119.410603	473.05	9.00	482.05
2	45.958327	-119.409530	474.05	9.00	483.05
3	45.957626	-119.408092	469.76	9.00	478.76
4	45.954256	-119.405466	421.70	9.00	430.70
5	45.950932	-119.402954	391.49	9.00	400.49
6	45.950305	-119.402224	382.06	9.00	391.06
7	45.949828	-119.401452	376.69	9.00	385.69
8	45.949351	-119.400336	370.06	9.00	379.06
9	45.949022	-119.398169	364.21	9.00	373.21
10	45.947573	-119.382693	375.34	9.00	384.34
11	45.946655	-119.372767	371.27	9.00	380.27
12	45.945924	-119.364917	384.84	9.00	393.84
13	45.944895	-119.353824	412.19	9.00	421.19
14	45.943925	-119.343364	425.34	9.00	434.34
15	45.943940	-119.342248	426.82	9.00	435.82
16	45.944134	-119.340982	428.09	9.00	437.09
17	45.945399	-119.335469	428.07	9.00	437.07

Discrete Observation Point Receptors

Name	ID	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Elevation (ft)	Height (ft)
OP 1	1	45.929734	-119.352818	280.68	16.00
OP 2	2	45.922714	-119.334458	292.67	16.00
OP 3	3	45.913082	-119.431330	276.34	16.00
OP 4	4	45.899565	-119.489066	284.40	16.00
OP 5	5	45.943722	-119.558719	439.96	16.00
OP 6	6	45.947993	-119.352693	460.37	16.00
OP 7	7	45.943148	-119.359106	377.71	16.00
OP 8	8	45.935513	-119.359982	302.38	16.00
OP 9	9	45.930614	-119.389803	297.19	16.00
OP 10	10	45.937349	-119.413872	375.33	16.00
OP 11	11	45.924596	-119.464932	359.19	16.00

Glare Analysis Results

Summary of Results

No glare predicted

PV Array	Tilt °	Orient °	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare		Energy kWh
PV array 1	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 2	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 3	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 4	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
PV array 5	SA tracking	SA tracking	0	0.0	0	0.0	-

Total glare received by each receptor; may include duplicate times of glare from multiple reflective surfaces.

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV: PV array 1 no glare found

Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV array 1 and Route: McNary Hwy

No glare found

PV array 1 and Route: S Plymouth Rd

No glare found

PV array 1 and Route: WA 14-1

No glare found

PV array 1 and Route: WA 14-2

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 1

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 2

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 3

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 4

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 5

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 6

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 7

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 8

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 9

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 10

No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 11

No glare found

PV: PV array 2 no glare found

Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV array 2 and Route: McNary Hwy

No glare found

PV array 2 and Route: S Plymouth Rd

No glare found

PV array 2 and Route: WA 14-1

No glare found

PV array 2 and Route: WA 14-2

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 1

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 2

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 3

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 4

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 5

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 6

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 7

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 8

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 9

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 10

No glare found

PV array 2 and OP 11

No glare found

PV: PV array 3 no glare found

Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV array 3 and Route: McNary Hwy

No glare found

PV array 3 and Route: S Plymouth Rd

No glare found

PV array 3 and Route: WA 14-1

No glare found

PV array 3 and Route: WA 14-2

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 1

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 2

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 3

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 4

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 5

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 6

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 7

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 8

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 9

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 10

No glare found

PV array 3 and OP 11

No glare found

PV: PV array 4 no glare found

Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV array 4 and Route: McNary Hwy

No glare found

PV array 4 and Route: S Plymouth Rd

No glare found

PV array 4 and Route: WA 14-1

No glare found

PV array 4 and Route: WA 14-2

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 1

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 2

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 3

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 4

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 5

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 6

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 7

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 8

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 9

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 10

No glare found

PV array 4 and OP 11

No glare found

PV: PV array 5 no glare found

Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
McNary Hwy	0	0.0	0	0.0
S Plymouth Rd	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-1	0	0.0	0	0.0
WA 14-2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 1	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 3	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 4	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 5	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 6	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 8	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 9	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 10	0	0.0	0	0.0
OP 11	0	0.0	0	0.0

PV array 5 and Route: McNary Hwy

No glare found

PV array 5 and Route: S Plymouth Rd

No glare found

PV array 5 and Route: WA 14-1

No glare found

PV array 5 and Route: WA 14-2

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 1

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 2

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 3

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 4

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 5

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 6

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 7

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 8

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 9

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 10

No glare found

PV array 5 and OP 11

No glare found

Assumptions

"Green" glare is glare with low potential to cause an after-image (flash blindness) when observed prior to a typical blink response time.

"Yellow" glare is glare with potential to cause an after-image (flash blindness) when observed prior to a typical blink response time.

Times associated with glare are denoted in Standard time. For Daylight Savings, add one hour.

The algorithm does not rigorously represent the detailed geometry of a system; detailed features such as gaps between modules, variable height of the PV array, and support structures may impact actual glare results. However, we have validated our models against several systems, including a PV array causing glare to the air-traffic control tower at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport and several sites in Albuquerque, and the tool accurately predicted the occurrence and intensity of glare at different times and days of the year.

Several V1 calculations utilize the PV array centroid, rather than the actual glare spot location, due to algorithm limitations. This may affect results for large PV footprints. Additional analyses of array sub-sections can provide additional information on expected glare. This primarily affects V1 analyses of path receptors.

Random number computations are utilized by various steps of the annual hazard analysis algorithm. Predicted minutes of glare can vary between runs as a result. This limitation primarily affects analyses of Observation Point receptors, including ATCTs. Note that the SGHAT/ForgeSolar methodology has always relied on an analytical, qualitative approach to accurately determine the overall hazard (i.e. green vs. yellow) of expected glare on an annual basis.

The analysis does not automatically consider obstacles (either man-made or natural) between the observation points and the prescribed solar installation that may obstruct observed glare, such as trees, hills, buildings, etc.

The subtended source angle (glare spot size) is constrained by the PV array footprint size. Partitioning large arrays into smaller sections will reduce the maximum potential subtended angle, potentially impacting results if actual glare spots are larger than the sub-array size. Additional analyses of the combined area of adjacent sub-arrays can provide more information on potential glare hazards. (See previous point on related limitations.)

The variable direct normal irradiance (DNI) feature (if selected) scales the user-prescribed peak DNI using a typical clear-day irradiance profile. This profile has a lower DNI in the mornings and evenings and a maximum at solar noon. The scaling uses a clear-day irradiance profile based on a normalized time relative to sunrise, solar noon, and sunset, which are prescribed by a sun-position algorithm and the latitude and longitude obtained from Google maps. The actual DNI on any given day can be affected by cloud cover, atmospheric attenuation, and other environmental factors.

The ocular hazard predicted by the tool depends on a number of environmental, optical, and human factors, which can be uncertain. We provide input fields and typical ranges of values for these factors so that the user can vary these parameters to see if they have an impact on the results. The speed of SGHAT allows expedited sensitivity and parametric analyses.

The system output calculation is a DNI-based approximation that assumes clear, sunny skies year-round. It should not be used in place of more rigorous modeling methods.

Hazard zone boundaries shown in the Glare Hazard plot are an approximation and visual aid based on aggregated research data. Actual ocular impact outcomes encompass a continuous, not discrete, spectrum.

Glare locations displayed on receptor plots are approximate. Actual glare-spot locations may differ.

Refer to the Help page at www.forgesolar.com/help/ for assumptions and limitations not listed here.

Default glare analysis parameters and observer eye characteristics (for reference only):

- Analysis time interval: 1 minute
- Ocular transmission coefficient: 0.5
- Pupil diameter: 0.002 meters
- Eye focal length: 0.017 meters
- Sun subtended angle: 9.3 milliradians

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Glint and Glare Analysis

Wallula Gap Solar

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ATTACHMENT B: FAA NOTICE CRITERIA TOOL



Notice Criteria Tool

[Notice Criteria Tool - Desk Reference Guide V_2018.2.0](#)

The requirements for filing with the Federal Aviation Administration for proposed structures vary based on a number of factors: height, proximity to an airport, location, and frequencies emitted from the structure, etc. For more details, please reference [CFR Title 14 Part 77.9](#).

You must file with the FAA at least 45 days prior to construction if:

- your structure will exceed 200ft above ground level
- your structure will be in proximity to an airport and will exceed the slope ratio
- your structure involves construction of a traverseway (i.e. highway, railroad, waterway etc...) and once adjusted upward with the appropriate vertical distance would exceed a standard of 77.9(a) or (b)
- your structure will emit frequencies, and does not meet the conditions of the [FAA Co-location Policy](#)
- your structure will be in an instrument approach area and might exceed part 77 Subpart C
- your proposed structure will be in proximity to a navigation facility and may impact the assurance of navigation signal reception
- your structure will be on an airport or heliport
- filing has been requested by the FAA

If you require additional information regarding the filing requirements for your structure, please identify and contact the appropriate FAA representative using the [Air Traffic Areas of Responsibility map](#) for Off Airport construction, or contact the [FAA Airports Region / District Office](#) for On Airport construction.

The tool below will assist in applying Part 77 Notice Criteria.

* Structure Type:	<input type="text" value="SOLAR Solar Panel"/>
Please select structure type and complete location point information.	
Latitude:	45 <input type="text"/> Deg 57 <input type="text"/> M 10.39 <input type="text"/> S N <input type="button" value="▼"/>
Longitude:	119 <input type="text"/> Deg 27 <input type="text"/> M 4.35 <input type="text"/> S W <input type="button" value="▼"/>
Horizontal Datum:	NAD83 <input type="button" value="▼"/>
Site Elevation (SE):	464 <input type="text"/> (nearest foot)
Structure Height :	10 <input type="text"/> (nearest foot)
Is structure on airport:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes

Results

You do not exceed Notice Criteria.

