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To: 350 Mono Climate Action

Cc: Mono Basin Historical Society
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The Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee extends our full support for the Hess Park Solar Pavilion Project. The Solar Pavilion concept is a shade structure with a solar panel roof that would provide shade, solar energy, and a focal gathering location for Lee Vining visitors and residents. The space would not only generate solar power but also have monitoring equipment and information panels to educate people about renewable energy and demonstrate our community's commitment to a renewable energy future.

The Hess Park location is central to Lee Vining and will provide visitors electrical outlets and WiFi access. The pavilion will have display space for tourist information about the Mono Basin and upcoming community events. Because it is close to the Lee Vining High School, teachers may use it for outdoor education programs.

The Solar Pavilion Project meets several goals and policies in the 2012 Mono Basin Community Plan. They include the following:

- Goal 1, Objective C, Policy 2: Support design practices that protect scenic vistas, energy efficiency, and "green" building practices.
- Goal 1, Objective C, Policy 4: Support improving the visual appearance of Lee Vining.
- Goal 1, Objective E: Promote well-planned and functional community uses that retain small-town character and increase quality of life.
- Goal 2, Objective B, Policy 1: Cultivate tourism-related programs and attractions that promote longer, multi-day visits.
- Goal 3, Objective A, Policy 1: Improve interactions and support between community and schools.
- Goal 3, Objective B, Policy 3: Support outdoor education, supervised and unsupervised activities, and facilities for youth.

We commend and thank the 350 Mono Climate Action group for their vision and hard work. Please continue to keep us updated on the project's progress and let us know if there is anything the Mono Basin RPAC can do to help make this project a reality.

Sincerely,



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Mono Basin RPAC Chairperson