



POARCH CREEK INDIANS

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Roundhouse Tribal Citizens & Tribal Government Employees

Poarch Creek Tribal Council Update on Proposed Solar Projects

Poarch Creek Tribal Council and THPO staff have been actively working to gather accurate information and engage where appropriate with the three solar development projects being proposed in Baldwin and Escambia Counties.

We continue to take active steps to review available information for key stakeholders, monitor public discussion, and conduct outreach with local elected officials to better understand the scope of these projects, while also separating fact from misinformation.

At this time, three potential solar projects have been identified and conversations are being pursued by THPO with the following:

- **Stockton Solar Project (Silicon Ranch)** - Located near the Stockton area in Baldwin County, generally in the corridor of I-65 and Highway 59. Initial call has been held and a formal letter outline Poarch's request has been received by developers.
- **NextEra Energy Project** - A proposed project under consideration in Escambia County, with potential proximity to areas closer to Tribal lands. Initial call has been held and a formal letter outline Poarch's request has been received by developers.

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- **Tensaw Solar Project** - Located in the Tensaw/Stockton region of Baldwin County, in an area identified as culturally sensitive with known historical significance. A letter has been formally sent requesting consultation, but developers have not responded.

In addition, THPO representatives have begun attending community meetings with local citizens on the various development locations. The goal is to continue to be engaged locally and express Poarch's position on these types of developments.

At this stage, there is no federal requirement for formal cultural consultation on any of these projects. However, the Tribe is proactively working to engage developers early in the process to ensure that cultural and historical considerations are understood and taken into account.

The Tribe's approach is focused on responsible engagement, ensuring that areas of cultural importance in our South Alabama communities are respected, while also allowing time to gather accurate information before taking any public position.

We understand that there continues to be a significant amount of public discussion around these developments. Tribal leadership and staff continue to monitor the situation closely and will provide updates if and when information becomes available.