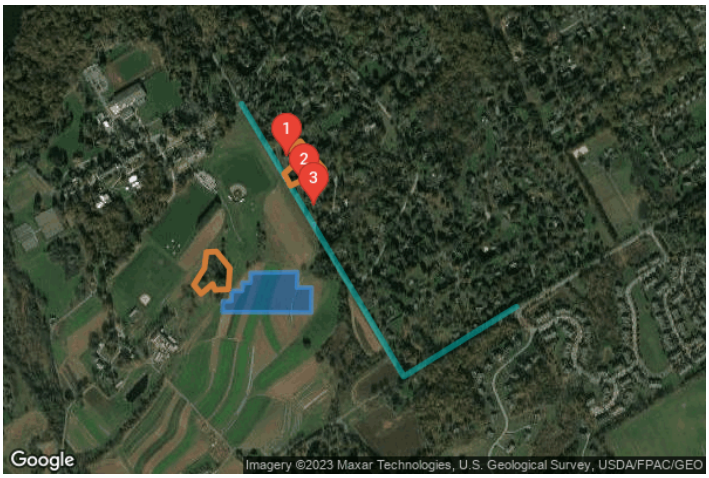
FORGESOLAR GLARE ANALYSIS

Project: **WESTTOWN SCHOOL SOLAR**
Solar Project Glare Analysis

Site configuration: **WESTTOWN SCHOOL SOLAR**

Site description: WESTTOWN SCHOOL SOLAR

Created 01 Mar, 2023
Updated 01 Mar, 2023
Time-step 1 minute
Timezone offset UTC-5
Site ID 85449.15081
Category 500 kW to 1 MW
(1,000 kW / 8 acre limit)
DNI peaks at 1,000.0 W/m^2
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		Annual Yellow Glare		Energy
	°	°	min	hr	min	hr	kWh
PV array 1	SA tracking	SA tracking	18	0.3	347	5.8	-

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

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
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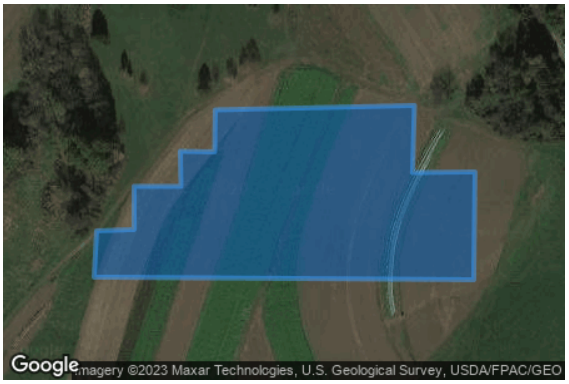
Component Data

PV Arrays

Name: PV array 1
Axis tracking: Single-axis rotation
Backtracking: Shade-slope
Tracking axis orientation: 180.0°
Max tracking angle: 60.0°
Resting angle: 0.0°
Ground Coverage Ratio: 0.5
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	39.945242	-75.531918	320.08	0.00	320.08
2	39.944802	-75.531934	319.54	0.00	319.54
3	39.944806	-75.531398	304.41	0.00	304.41
4	39.944099	-75.531408	298.44	0.00	298.44
5	39.944115	-75.534670	312.71	0.00	312.71
6	39.944420	-75.534649	312.25	0.00	312.25
7	39.944428	-75.534327	318.15	0.00	318.15
8	39.944712	-75.534327	314.61	0.00	314.61
9	39.944712	-75.533924	321.19	0.00	321.19
10	39.944942	-75.533930	317.37	0.00	317.37
11	39.944938	-75.533635	323.37	0.00	323.37
12	39.945213	-75.533629	318.89	0.00	318.89

Route Receptors

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

Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)	Height above ground (ft)	Total elevation (ft)
1	39.949955	-75.533962	353.82	0.00	353.82
2	39.942306	-75.528018	294.20	0.00	294.20
3	39.944263	-75.523898	325.30	0.00	325.30

Discrete Observation Point Receptors

Name	ID	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Elevation (ft)	Height (ft)
OP 1	1	39.948479	-75.532283	345.87	0.00
OP 2	2	39.947607	-75.531666	345.14	0.00
OP 3	3	39.947080	-75.531301	350.07	0.00

Obstruction Components

Name: Obstruction 1
Top height: 25.0 ft

Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)
1	39.945814	-75.534885	300.06
2	39.945797	-75.535249	308.79
3	39.945345	-75.535325	303.31
4	39.944876	-75.535711	293.28
5	39.944629	-75.535443	290.31
6	39.944901	-75.535024	298.76
7	39.944736	-75.534928	299.71
8	39.944753	-75.534445	312.83
9	39.945345	-75.534391	303.89
10	39.945814	-75.534885	300.06

Name: Obstruction 2
Top height: 25.0 ft

Vertex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (ft)
1	39.948781	-75.532219	345.52
2	39.948345	-75.531897	342.81
3	39.948000	-75.532406	339.00
4	39.947658	-75.532165	340.91
5	39.948119	-75.530931	335.78
6	39.948913	-75.531811	331.25
7	39.948781	-75.532219	345.52

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PV: PV array 1 potential temporary after-image

Receptor results ordered by category of glare

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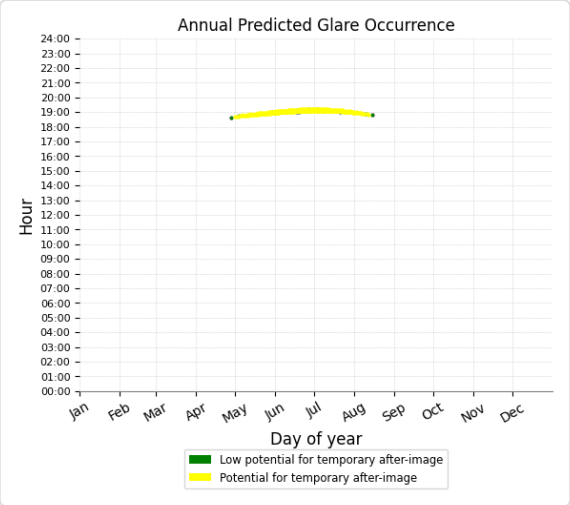
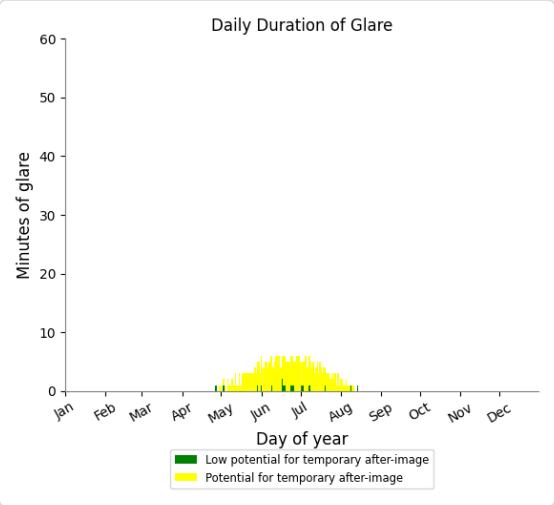
PV array 1 and Route 1

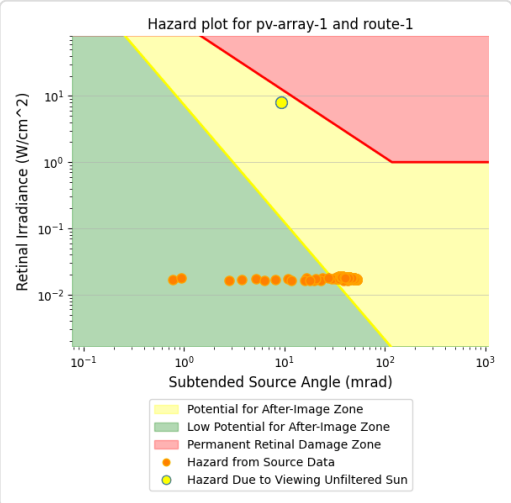
Receptor type: Route

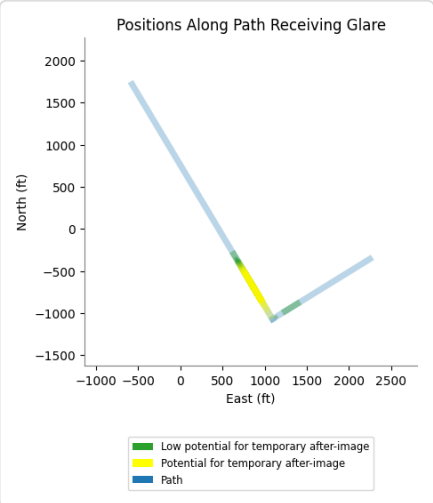
347 minutes of yellow glare

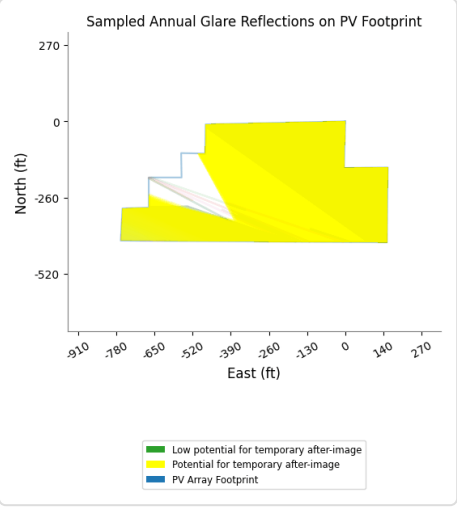
18 minutes of green glare











PV array 1 and OP 1

Receptor type: Observation Point
No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 2

Receptor type: Observation Point
No glare found

PV array 1 and OP 3

Receptor type: Observation Point
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