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How do solar panels affect life in the desert?

The constant shade provided by the panels creates a microclimate that is more conducive to life, reducing temperature extremes and evaporation rates. The altered energy distribution at the desert's surface, caused by the solar panels, has created conditions that are surprisingly favorable for life.

Can solar panels cool the desert?

A new study published in Scientific Reports focuses on the Gonghe Photovoltaic Park in Qinghai's Talatan Desert, showing that solar panels can cool, moisten, and even green the surrounding land. While the long-term effects remain uncertain, the findings challenge the assumption that renewable infrastructure leaves desert ecosystems untouched.

Can photovoltaic power help clean Xinjiang's desert plants?

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