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I wasn't born and raised here, but I do have a strong affinity for the valley. It has been home to me since I first crested the hill in February of 1976, so a little better than forty years. Let me tell you, that first view was breathtaking the 1976 valley was a beautiful weave of fields and gorgeous tree lines. Today it carries a few scars, a few battle wounds for the needs of a populace beyond our valley, often beyond our state. We need electricity, no doubt about it but how many stresses both aesthetically and environmentally does one valley need to carry? You can see the wind turbines from just about every point in this valley; has it changed the our view shed? You bet your bottom dollar, not to mention the taxes that have been incurred by the citizens of this beautiful country.

Let me paint you a picture: while you are driving by you will see an 8' high Security Fence with three rows of security wire at the top. Not the open space preserved by farm fields where wildlife finds passage, refuge and water in the nearby flowing creek. By the way, you won't hear the meadow lark sing or the creek flowing, as the solar panels will buzz a hum that will drown out most ambient sounds. That drive from I-82 will have checked blackouts of solar panels that will be reflective and disruptive to that once beautiful view. There is no turning back, they will have thirty some years and at the end of those years will it be worth it?

Say no to iron horse, my opinion as an artist and community member.  
Teddy May Weekes