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Will Tesla Solar power Ta'u in American Samoa?

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Does American Samoa have a solar microgrid?

The island of Ta'u in American Samoa now boasts a solar microgrid from Tesla's SolarCity. Join us in The People v. Climate Change and share an environmental portrait of someone taking positive steps to protect the Earth on YourShot or social media. Use #MyClimateAction to share a first-person perspective on how we as humans face climate change.

How many solar panels does Ta'u have?

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The Solar for Samoa PV project is situated over two locations; Faleata Racecourse (1.4MW AC) is located in the capital city of Apia, while Faeolo International Airport (2.1MW AC) is located approximately 40 kilometres west of Apia.

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