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We believe that Kittitas County and Washington State should have effective solar projects, which benefit our local communities. We would support such projects based on sound environmental principals and founded on extensive environmental impact statements. But this project is not an effective solar project relying on sound scientific and environmental principles, nor is it based on an extensive environmental impact statement. It is misguided at best and an environmental tragedy to think that TSR intends to mow down 500 acres of forest to develop a quote "green" project. That land is already environmentally sound constituting an ecological niche for countless wildlife, fish, insects, flora and fauna, etc.

This project is a cash driven, tax credit, masquerading as a green project- as an environmental project that is good for Kittitas County and good for Washington State. The New York landowner, John Rudy, is no longer able to make a profit off of his land after logging it to the limit, and is now looking to take advantage of the state and federal tax credits being offered for true environmental projects. The proposed project is neither "green" nor is it "environmental."

This project is being presented as the largest solar array in the U.S., so why won't TSR do a complete EIS to truly demonstrate it's value?

Pictures #1 & #2 attached is taken of the Wild Horse Wind Farm from approximately 8-10 miles away. The shiny spot in the center of the picture is the glare that comes from the 2,400 solar panels that are installed there. Those panels are installed near the top of the slope. My home is approximately 2 miles south and directly across from the proposed sight. (Picture #3) TSR plans to install 400,000 solar panels on the site. The next picture shows the facing slope where the panels will be. The glare from 400,000 solar panels will be horrific and will clearly effect over 200 home owners to the south of the proposed site, especially Lookout Mountain and Peoh Point. What will the glare be like from 400,000 solar panels?? That's Almost 200 times the number of panels at Wildhorse. TSR cannot guarantee the the panels won't glare.

The proposed location is improper for many other reasons. The proposed area is zoned Forest and Range and surrounded by rural residential. TSR is an industrial project. It would forever change the character of the surrounding property and neighborhood. An alternative site location such as the location of Wildhorse Wind Farm in the lower valley would be better. Any jobs that the project would bring would still be in Kittitas County.

Picture taken from Park Creek Road, approximately 2 miles from Wildhorse Wind Farm

#1



#2



Picture taken from King residence, approximately 2 miles from proposed site.

The location of the 400,000 solar panels is in the area where the trees are thin

#3

