

<sup>AS</sup>  
~~I'm~~ a full-time resident in the Teanaway, a small business owner in Cle Elum, and a local realtor....It ~~absolutely~~ baffles me how anyone can drive through Cle Elum and not notice that we are becoming an economic wasteland.

<sup>WHO CAN MISS</sup>  
Can they not see the empty storefronts? ~~Too many~~

<sup>WITH</sup> foreclosures and lost jobs, 4-day work weeks, people having to move away or drive 2 hours one way to find jobs to feed their families, the real estate market <sup>slowing</sup> down to a few buyers looking for a deal – or should I say steal?

<sup>I BELIEVE</sup>  
~~With~~, Upper County can survive this current stream of economic belly blows...and the answer is Teanaway Solar Reserve. Not only will it create a revenue stream for the county and help create jobs, <sup>I ALSO BELIEVE</sup> ~~but~~ it will ~~also~~ be a magnet to draw other like-minded, green businesses to the area.

~~Let's~~ take a stand for our economic survival and join me in saying yes to TSR. <sup>LET'S BE THE</sup> What's wrong with being the renewable energy center of the ~~county~~, the state, the northwest...yes, the <sup>COUNTRY</sup> ~~USA~~? Maybe then the children won't be <sup>KITTITAS COUNTY'S</sup> ~~our~~ most valuable export.

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