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From: Mandy Buchholz
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 9:05 AM
To: Jeff Watson
Subject: RE: Citizen opposed to the Iron Horse Solar Farm

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Mandy Buchholz
Deputy Clerk of the Board

From: Jeff Watson
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 9:03 AM
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HHhhmmmm... I wonder if it is incumbent upon us to research that information... if they wish to be a party of record they should provide their address in the letter; was it hand delivered?

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According to the County TaxSifter
MEEKS, BRANDON J & MEGAN C (Parcel Owner)

956223

830 STINGLEY RD ELLENSBURG

MEEKS, BRANDON J & MEGAN C

83 - Resource - Agriculture Current Use

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From: Doc Hansen
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:16 PM
To: Jeff Watson
Subject: FW: Citizen opposed to the Iron Horse Solar Farm

Robert "Doc" Hansen
Interim Director and Planning Official

From: Mandy Buchholz
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 4:10 PM
To: Laura Osiadacz; Paul Jewell; Obie OBrien
Cc: Doc Hansen
Subject: Citizen opposed to the Iron Horse Solar Farm

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From: no_reply@co.kittitas.wa.us [mailto:no_reply@co.kittitas.wa.us]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 2:14 PM
To: Mandy Buchholz
Subject: Attached Image

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They also have property at:

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CLERF RD ELLENSBURG

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KITITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CDS

June 5, 2016

Kittitas County Board of Commissioners
205 West 5th Ave, Ste. 108
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear County Commissioners,

We strongly urge you to deny permitting for the Iron Horse Solar Farm proposed on Clerf Road. Per Kittitas County zoning code, agriculture zoning is an area wherein farming, ranching and rural life styles are dominant characteristics. The intent of this zoning classification is to preserve fertile farmland from encroachment by nonagricultural land uses; and protect the rights and traditions of those engaged in agriculture. The Iron Horse Solar Farm does not fit within that definition. The Iron Horse Solar Farm would be better suited in an area zoned industrial, not in an area zoned for agriculture. If the Iron Horse Solar Farm is granted permission to build a solar farm on land used for agricultural use it will open the flood gates to more types of development on land zoned for agricultural use.

According to the American Farmland Trust 50 acres of farm and ranch land are developed every hour in the US. As agriculture land is becoming more precious the county should be working to preserve what irrigated, fertile land is left. Once this irreplaceable natural resource is lost, the land that sustains us is gone forever.

Again, we strongly urge you to deny permitting for the Iron Horse Solar Farm proposed on Clerf Road.

Sincerely,



Brandon Meeks



Megan Meeks