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Attn: Jeff Watson, Planner

I have a few comments in regards to the proposed Iron Horse Solar facility at the corner of Clerf and Caribou roads. A few points that I believe should be taken into consideration before granting the DNS for this project:

- 1) This is a VERY large project as proposed that would forever alter the character of the surrounding area. Large open hay fields with the occasional house and/ or hay shed is typical of this area48 acres of solar panels is not.
- 2) We have been trying to slow the loss of valuable farmland in this country.....we should not be wasting this resource on an industrial facility that could just as easily be sited farther north or east out of the agricultural lands.
- 3) We have water availability issues in this county. We should not be converting land with good water rights to a use that I believe would not require any water at all when completed. The natural best place for such a facility would out in the 'Red' zones.
- 4) This land is less than one half mile from the city limits of Kittitas.....would this proposed facility be in the way of the possible expansion of the City of Kittitas or its U.G.A. in the future? In 20 or 50 or 100 years?

I understand the need to move forward with renewable energy facilities....but just as with wind farms, there is a more compatible place for a solar facility of this magnitude. I also feel that the citizens of this county should have the right to comment at a public meeting before the issuance of the DNS.

I would appreciate any information that you can share regarding the outcome of this companies' application.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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