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In regards to the proposed Schnebly Coulee Solar farm.

We live at 570 Stevens Rd. in a home that has been in our family since 1990. We are second generation cattle ranchers with hopes of passing this on to another generation. We enjoy the peaceful environment that surrounds us. As we all know Kittitas County is growing in leaps and bounds. We have many new residents in our county. We have seen evidence of that all the way out by Stevens and Bentley rd. We see new homes coming in quite often. This solar farm proposal is a huge impact on the area that we live in. There are many residences that would be looking at solar panels instead of fields and sagebrush. We move to the country to enjoy this style of living. One we do already pay a price for. We live 14 miles east of town and need to be mindful of our needs living this far out. People don't move to the country to live in an industrial wasteland. To say this doesn't impact our style of living and the environment is a statement made by people who don't have this type of thing in their backyard. We already have cell towers, windmills, and one substation. Looking at the proposal we would be adding another substation and multiple plots of solar panels. This creates a complete industrial area. Not a place where people want to build their homes and move to a country lifestyle. This county needs to stop being the dumping grounds for our state in the name of green energy. Plans like these devalue the people and their homes in this county. The thought of carrying on our family ranch fades away. We are an agricultural community. We need to stand by and support those resources. Places like ours are becoming few and far between.

I am sure there are many areas that are composed of industry only that they can place a solar farm of this size. I see it stated over and over in the paper work that this is being done in a way not to impact the people living here. Then I see the map of the panels and substation and know this is not the case. We oppose this solar farm. It will run adjacent to our property. It will devalue our home and surrounding property thus pushing us out of this area. I hope you truly value the tax paying citizens of this county and will not move forward with this plan.

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