From: Cory Wright
To: Chace Pedersen

**Subject:** FW: Written Comment - CU-24-00003 Schnebly Coulee Solar Farm

**Date:** Friday, June 7, 2024 8:23:50 AM

Attachments: Elk video.MOV

elk signs 1.png elk signs 2.png

## This one too

From: Ralph Teller < hiker98024@outlook.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 10:44 AM

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## Cory – we appreciate your support!

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From: Ralph Teller

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 6:55:07 AM

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## Dear Chace:

I am the owner of Lot 9 at the Sage Hills residential community. My property is adjacent to and north of the Poison Springs property which is the subject of the Schnebly Coulee Solar Farm proposed solar farm project.

Here are my written comments for the official record.

- 1. Large elk herds migrate across and forage on the subject Poison Springs property. Attached is an image of a large herd of about 80 elk I saw moving from the subject Poison Springs property onto my lot. I took this photo on October 13, 2023 3:17pm. The photo was taken while I was walking along Sage Hills Drive at about Lot 7 looking south/southeast.
- 2. Attached is a video of about 250 elk migrating from the subject Poison Springs property onto my property taken three winters ago by the owners of Sage Hills lot 6 owners.
- 3. The subject Poison Springs property and the adjoining area properties are the lands that support some of the largest elk herds in Washington. Washington State is aware of these important elk migrations and for the safety of the public and of the herd, posts 'Elk Crossing' warning signs along I-90 both east and west bound near the subject Poison Springs property. The State during the winter months also posts large portable electronic signs along I-90 to further alert the public of these large elk herd area migrations. See the attached image.
- 4. There are significant health risk associated with living near solar farms. See What are the Health Risks when Living Near Solar Farm Places in 2022? | EMF Risks (emf-risks.com) According to the article:

"According to the World Health Organization, there is a health risk of electromagnetic hypersensitivity associated with living near solar farms. This condition is characterized by a range of symptoms that are triggered by exposure to electromagnetic radiation fields. These symptoms can include headaches, fatigue, skin rashes, and sleep disturbances.

It is a condition caused by exposure to <u>electromagnetic fields</u> (EMF) near the solar farms. There are a few studies that have looked at the health risks associated with living near solar farms.

<u>A study in Australia</u> found that people who live near solar farms are more likely to experience headaches, dizziness, and nausea. There could also be an increased risk of cancer in people living near solar farms.

<u>Some studies</u> have shown that exposure to high-frequency radiation from solar farms can increase the risk of cancer but more research is needed to determine if there is a real link between solar farms and cancer."

In summation, the proposed solar farm project is an atrocity that will harm the health, safety and welfare of the local natural wildlife, vegetation and nearby residents, and significantly damage nearby landowner values.

The proposed project should be summarily denied.

Regards,

Ralph Teller, Lot 9 owner.