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Ms. Bumpus:

I urge you to release the Draft EIS of the Horse Heaven Hills in January 2023. If you release it over the holidays, this will not bode well for EFSEC as well as Governor Jay Inslee. I have helped write multiple EA's and EIS's and this is a typical government tactic to shove a controversial project down the proverbial public's throat. All governmental agencies know that a draft NEPA/SEPA document released over the holidays will get very little public review and provide little opposition to ramrod a project down the public's throat!

The additional 15 day review is meaningless during the holiday seasons when people are busy with family gatherings and travel. Public perception is everything in getting regulatory approval for controversial projects. Most of the general public in Eastern Washington State are much more accepting of small modular nuclear reactors than massive wind farms that destroy the last remaining viewshed we that are a living visual museum of the Pleistocene Missoula Floods. And finally, most people in Washington State are well aware of the current massive amounts of power we produce from our hydroelectric system and the massive amounts of energy currently generated in Eastern Washington and Oregon and exported to California State. Why should Washingtonians suffer losing their last viewshed in the Tri-Cities for the sake of Californians being able to power their Tesla's and keep their hot tubs going? Why not be energy efficient and construct these massive eyesores in the Sierra Nevada Mountains near the source of use? That is right-NIMBY (Not in My Back Yard)!

If this DEIS is released over the holidays, I expect things to get ugly in all aspects of this project including deep dives into public information request regarding such things as "special interest groups and miscellaneous companies/industries" campaign donations to various politicians, especially governor Jay Inslee and Senator Patty Murray. Both he and Patty Murray have literally stuck their necks out challenging the various EIS's completed on tearing down the Snake River Dams and exposed their bias for alternate energy sources to fill the loss of electrical power. Approving this project would assist both Inslee and Murray in their respective obsessions in tearing down these dams. Furthermore, EFSEC's reputation has certainly been tainted in the past with the massive failure of the WHOOPS project and several shady incidents associated with this massive nuclear power project failure.

In addition, everyone is cognizant that there is a whole suite of issues contributing to the decimation of fishery runs besides issues with the dams including the multiple impacts from climate change, overfishing-especially the use of gill-nets, non-point source pollution from agriculture/grazing as well as urban storm run-off, deforestation, massive river water intakes that include agriculture as well as the Columbia Generating Station, destruction of critical spawning grounds, etc.

In summary, I hope that common sense and decency prevail and that this DEIS document is released sometime in January 2023.
Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely-

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