

ADDENDUM TO FINAL EIS

Pursuant to Chapter 463-47 WAC,
WAC 197-11-600 (3)(b), and (4)(c) and WAC 197-11-625

Addendum to the **Horse Heaven Wind Farm Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** issued by the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) on October 31, 2023, in response to a request for Amendment to the Site Certification Agreement (SCA) on October 18, 2024, for the Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project.

Date of Addendum: May 5, 2025

Date of original Final EIS:

- Horse Heaven Wind Farm Final EIS, October 31, 2023, prepared by the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

Description of current proposal's changes: The Certificate Holder, Scout Energy LLC, requests that EFSEC amend the SCA to address the proposed change to the Project.

An existing groundwater well, owned by the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and known as the Gould Well, would be used to provide water during construction and operation of the Horse Heaven Wind Farm (Certificate Holder). Leasing of this water represents a change to water rights that DNR had previously placed in the Temporary Trust Water Right Program in 2022. The well itself is an existing well, owned by DNR, and water rights would continue to be owned and maintained by DNR. Horse Heaven Wind Farm would purchase water from DNR under contract. As described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), up to approximately 220,000 gallons per day on average would be used during construction. At 50 weeks per year, six days per week, this would total up to approximately 66 million gallons per year that would be purchased by the Certificate Holder from DNR and transported to the Project site to mix concrete, treat roads to manage fugitive dust, and store water for fire prevention. During operations, water would be transported and used for the Operations & Maintenance facility, and for solar panel washing, should it be needed.

Figure 1, attached to this SEPA checklist, shows the location of the Gould Well relative to the Horse Heaven Wind Farm (facilities as depicted in the Final Application for Site Certification (ASC) for Turbine Option 1; Figure 2.3-1, Scout, September 2023). The following components would be installed to allow use of the well for construction and operation of the Horse Heaven Wind Farm, or for other future unrelated purposes to be determined and governed by DNR:

- New pump machinery and existing intact well to be cleaned out.
- New gravel access road leading from Sellards Road to the well location.

- New graveled yard to allow truck turnaround and placement of temporary water storage tanks; temporary storage tanks would be removed at the end of construction, unless otherwise determined by DNR.
- New overhead distribution line, to be owned and operated by Benton Rural Electric Cooperative. The new line would run along the western property line, generally following the new gravel access road to provide power to the well pump.

Well upgrades would also serve other users, such as the farmer who leases the DNR land on which the well is located, as he would be able to purchase water from DNR to irrigate nearby crops.

Proponent: Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC

Location of proposal: The well site is located on Department of Natural Resources property in unincorporated Benton County, Washington, within the Horse Heaven Hills area. It is approximately 0.5 miles north of Sellards Road. The proposed point of withdrawal is located within northwest (NW) 1/4 of northeast (NE) 1/4, Section 36, T8N, R25 EWM.

Purpose of Addendum: In October 2023, EFSEC issued a Final EIS for the construction and operation of a wind energy, battery energy storage system, and solar powered generation facility with a maximum nameplate energy generating capacity of up to 1,150 Megawatts (MW) output as alternating current, known as the Horse Heaven Wind Farm. The Project's Lease Boundary encompasses approximately 72,428 acres and is located within unincorporated Benton County approximately four miles south/southwest of the city of Kennewick and the larger Tri-Cities urban area.

An SCA was executed in October 2024. The SCA requires the Certificate Holder to provide certification of water availability for process waters used for site construction and provide certification of water availability for process waters used for site operation and maintenance. The Certificate Holder identified Gould Well as the water source for construction and operations. Although use of water sourced from wells fed by regional aquifers was identified in the Final EIS, the EIS analysis did not specifically address the use of the Gould Well.

Consistent with WAC 197-11-600 (3)(b)(i) and (ii) concerning when a proposal has been changed following completion of SEPA review, EFSEC has determined that the new information and analysis from the proposed changes does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives in the existing environmental documents. Consistent with WAC 197-11-600 (4)(c), an addendum is appropriate for documenting this environmental review under SEPA.

The Horse Heaven Wind Farm SEPA Addendum and supporting documentation can be found on EFSEC's website: <https://www.efsec.wa.gov/energy-facilities/horse-heaven-wind-project/horse-heaven-sepa>

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Attachments:

- May 5, 2025 SEPA Staff Memorandum to Sonia Bumpus from Ami Hafkemeyer
- Figure 1. Site Map

Figures

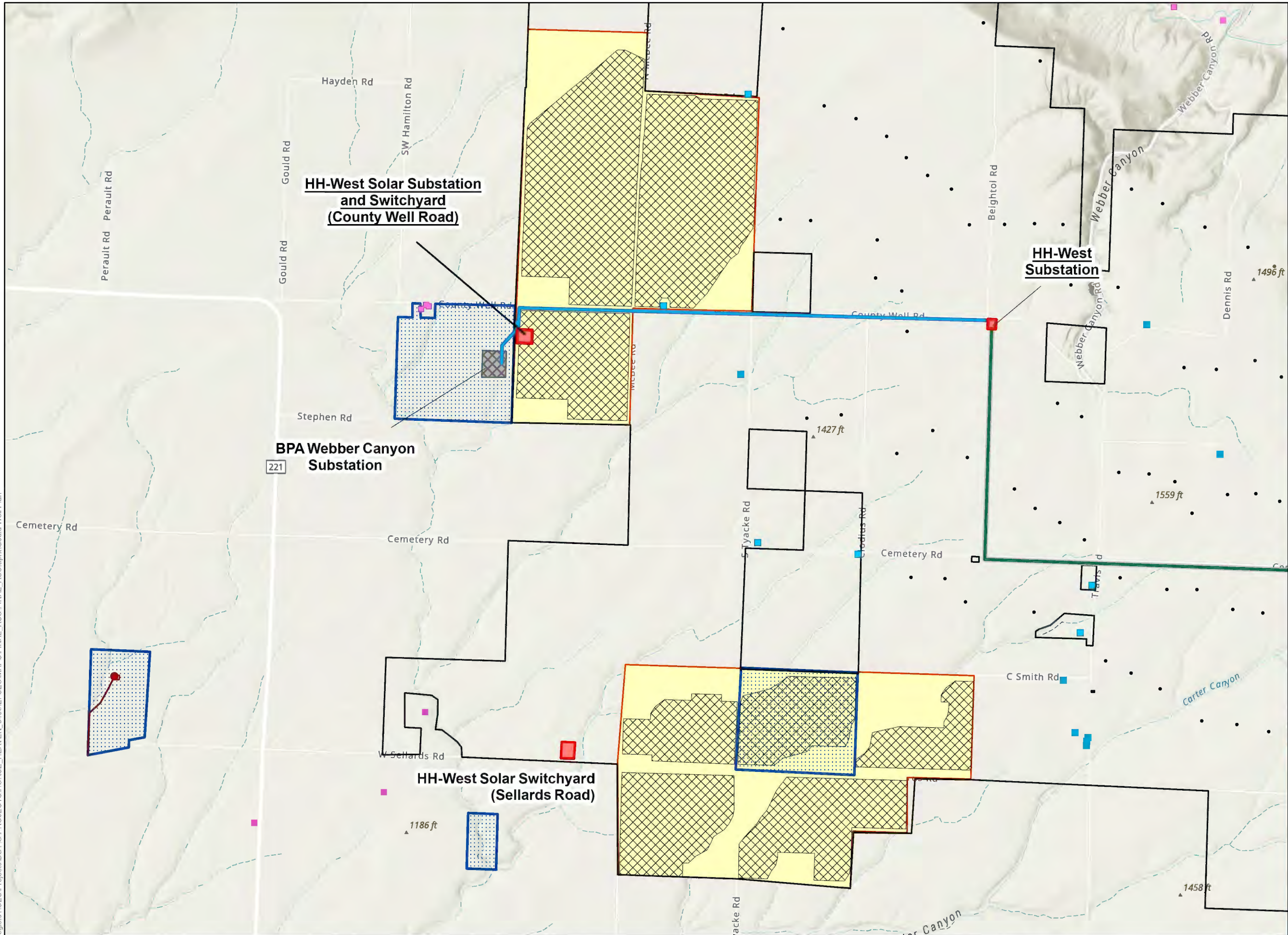
Horse Heaven Wind Project



Gould Well Plan

BENTON COUNTY, WA

- Gould Well
- Access Road and Storage Yard
- Residence - Participating
- Residence - Non-participating
- Project Lease Boundary
- Option 1 Turbine Layout
- 230-kV Intertie Transmission Line
- County Well Road 500-kV Transmission Line
- DNR Parcel
- Project Substation
- Solar Array
- Solar Siting Area

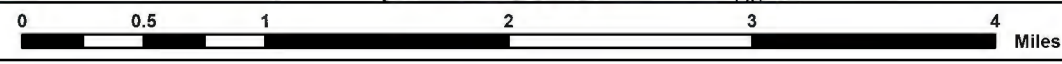


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Gould Well Plan BENTON COUNTY, WA

- Gould Well
- ▭ Access Road and Storage Yard
- ▭ DNR Parcel



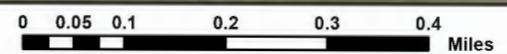
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