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Badger Mountain Project
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As a conservation district striving to protect the natural resources of Douglas County, Washington we are concerned with the project proposed on Badger Mountain. During the past couple of years wildfire in Douglas County has completely destroyed much of the shrub steppe habitat that the threatened sage grouse utilize. Now, the grouse are presently present in established leks on Badger Mountain. Currently, Douglas County is the only viable population of sage grouse in the State. Loss of their habitat could mean loss of survival in the State.

Please consider the impact of this solar panel project on habitat, wildlife and the future of Douglas County. Losing habitat and sage grouse will impact the environment and future generations.

South Douglas Conservation District supports protecting habitat and wildlife.

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