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I want to share why I think Badger Mountain is NOT a good location for Solar Panels

1. Badger Mountain is habitat to much wild life, including the Sage Grouse, which is an endangered species. This has been documented by Fish and Wild Life, Conservation N. W. and Pheasants Forever.
2. To put solar panels in, all the ground cover must be removed to allow for concrete pads to be laid. This would eliminate the habitat.
- a3. With no ground cover, the wild life has no protection.
4. Without ground cover there is nothing to stop the potential for flooding and there are housing developments below Badger Mt.
5. Water running off the solar panels has potential to contaminate the soil, seeping down into the water supply. The panels are made with lead, cadmium and other toxins. Heavy metal in solar panels can leach out of the cells and get into the groundwater. The drinking water on and around Badger Mt. comes from wells, so this would contaminate the drinking water. Also, eventually working it's way down into the Columbia River.
6. Solar Panel Farms devalue all the homes around them.
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